

HR 2147

Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 19, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 23, 2017
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Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Jun 16, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 14, 2017
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Nov 17, 2017
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Nov 21, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jan 18, 2018

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Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Feb 23, 2018
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 21, 2018
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Apr 5, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		May 3, 2018
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 7, 2018
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 10, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 18, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 26, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 8, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6	Related bill	Oct 24, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-271.
115 S 946	Identical bill	Feb 20, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act of 2018

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to hire at least 50 Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists under the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. Each of these specialists must serve as part of a justice team in a veterans treatment court or other veteran-focused court.

A specialist hired under this bill must be placed at a VA medical center that:

- complies with VA guidelines for specialist placement,
- works within a local criminal justice system with justice-involved veterans,
- maintains an affiliation with one or more veterans treatment courts or other veteran-focused courts, and
- provides specialists or establishes a VA-approved plan to provide specialists to serve as part of a justice team.

The VA shall prioritize the placement of these specialists at medical centers that have an affiliation with a court that was established after this bill's enactment or is not fully staffed with specialists.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Veterans Justice Outreach Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 17, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-240.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 23, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 22, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5869)
- **Aug 22, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5869)
- **Jun 18, 2018:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 466.
- **Jun 14, 2018:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5133-5135)
- **Jun 13, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2147.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5133-5134)
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- **Jun 13, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-682.
- **May 18, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 525.
- **May 8, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 8, 2018:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.