

## S 2193

Caring for our Veterans Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Current Status:** By Senator Isakson from Committee on Veterans' Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-212.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Dec 5, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5830	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5674	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516.
115 S 2807	Related bill	<b>May 9, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 2356	Related bill	<b>Jan 30, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 1873	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 925	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2018:</b> Held at the desk.
115 S 2184	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 1133	Related bill	<b>Nov 8, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 2123	Related bill	<b>Nov 8, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 114	Related bill	<b>Aug 12, 2017:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-46.
115 HR 3459	Related bill	<b>Jul 27, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 115	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2017:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-320.
115 S 1449	Related bill	<b>Jun 27, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 1319	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 113	Related bill	<b>Jan 12, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Dec 5, 2017)

### Caring for our Veterans Act of 2017

This bill establishes a Veterans Community Care Program to furnish hospital care, medical services, and extended care services to covered veterans through non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care providers under specified circumstances. This program replaces the Veterans Choice Program.

The VA shall develop: (1) an education program for veterans about their VA health care options, (2) processes to ensure safe opioid prescribing practices by non-VA health care providers; and (3) criteria to designate VA medical centers, ambulatory care facilities, and community based outpatient clinics as underserved facilities.

The bill: (1) modifies the definitions of medical facility, major medical facility project, and major medical facility lease; and (2) establishes specified pilot programs.

The VA family caregiver program is expanded.

The VA shall implement a new information technology system.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 7, 2018:** By Senator Isakson from Committee on Veterans' Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-212.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Isakson. Without written report.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 273.