

## HR 2327

PAWS Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** May 3, 2017

**Current Status:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stivers asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be the first

**Latest Action:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stivers asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be the first sponsor of H.R. 2327, a bill originally introduced by Representative DeSantis, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection. (Sep 25, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2327>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]

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

**Cosponsors** (230 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 3, 2017
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		May 3, 2017
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 3, 2017
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 3, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 3, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 3, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		May 3, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		May 3, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 3, 2017
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 3, 2017
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 3, 2017
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		May 3, 2017
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 3, 2017
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		May 3, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 3, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 3, 2017
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		May 3, 2017
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		May 3, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 3, 2017
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 3, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 3, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 3, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 3, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 3, 2017
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 3, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 3, 2017
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		May 3, 2017

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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		May 3, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 3, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 3, 2017
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		May 3, 2017
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 3, 2017
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		May 3, 2017
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 3, 2017
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		May 3, 2017
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 3, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		May 3, 2017
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 3, 2017
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		May 4, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		May 4, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 16, 2017
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		May 16, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 16, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 16, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 16, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 16, 2017
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 16, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		May 16, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 17, 2017
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		May 17, 2017
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		May 17, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 17, 2017
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 17, 2017
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		May 17, 2017
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 17, 2017

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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Kihuen, Ruben J. [D-NV-4]	D · NV		May 17, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 17, 2017
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		May 17, 2017
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 17, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 17, 2017
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		May 17, 2017
Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45]	R · CA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 19, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 19, 2017
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		May 19, 2017
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 19, 2017
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		May 19, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		May 19, 2017
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 19, 2017
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		May 19, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		May 23, 2017
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 23, 2017
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 23, 2017
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		May 23, 2017
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		May 23, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 23, 2017
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		May 23, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		May 23, 2017
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		May 23, 2017
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		May 23, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 23, 2017
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		May 25, 2017
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 25, 2017
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 6, 2017

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jun 14, 2017
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jun 15, 2017
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 20, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 24, 2017

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Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Oct 24, 2017
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Dec 4, 2017
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Dec 6, 2017

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Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Apr 17, 2018
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 25, 2018
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		May 8, 2018
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jun 6, 2018
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 31, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Aug 14, 2018
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2018
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 5, 2018
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2018
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2018
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 26, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1014	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers Act of 2017 or the PAWS Act of 2017**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a five-year pilot program under which it provides grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to provide service dogs to veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder after completing other evidence-based treatment.

An organization that receives a grant shall provide for each participating service dog and veteran:

- coverage by a commercially available veterinary health insurance policy,
- hardware clinically determined to be required by the dog to perform the tasks necessary to assist the veteran,
- payments for travel expenses to obtain the dog, and
- travel expenses required to obtain a replacement service dog.

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must: (1) agree to cover all costs in excess of the grant amount to guarantee such benefits, (2) be certified by Assistance Dogs International, (3) provide one-on-one training for each service dog and recipient for 30 hours or more over 90 days or more, and (4) provide an in-house residential facility or other accommodations nearby in which service dog recipients stay for a minimum of 10 days while receiving at least 30 hours of training.

The VA shall develop metrics to measure the improvement in psychosocial function and therapeutic compliance and changes independence on prescription narcotics and psychotropic medication of veterans participating in the program.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress on the methodology used for the pilot program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 25, 2018:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stivers asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be the first sponsor of H.R. 2327, a bill originally introduced by Representative DeSantis, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.