

## S 2356

### Stronger Medical Workforce for Veterans Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2018

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 30, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jan 30, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 30, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 30, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 5, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 13, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 16, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2193	Related bill	<b>Mar 7, 2018:</b> By Senator Isakson from Committee on Veterans' Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-212.

### **Stronger Medical Workforce for Veterans Act**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop criteria to designate VA medical centers, ambulatory care facilities, and community based outpatient clinics as underserved facilities.

The VA must commence a pilot program to assess the feasibility of providing individuals with tuition and loan repayment incentives to work at underserved facilities. The VA must also ensure that clinical staff working at Vet Centers (community-based counseling centers that provide veterans with post-deployment social and psychological services) are eligible to participate in the VA education debt reduction program.

The bill directs the VA and the Surgeon General to enter into a memorandum of understanding to assign at least 500 Public Health Service commissioned officers to the VA.

### **Actions Timeline**

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