

## HR 2478

Expanding Veterans' Access to Choice Act

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**Chamber:** House

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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jul 11, 2017
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 17, 2017)

### Expanding Veterans' Access to Choice Act

This bill amends the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to provide that a veteran who lives within 40 miles (calculated on distance traveled) of a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facility, including a community-based outpatient clinic, remains eligible to receive Veterans Choice program services through an approved private health care center if: (1) the VA cannot assign a full-time primary care physician to the veteran at any VA facility within such distance, or (2) no VA facility within such distance provides the needed hospital care or medical treatment.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.