

## HR 2707

### Ensuring Fair Access to Veterans Healthcare Act

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## Committee Activity

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Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Ensuring Fair Access to Veterans Healthcare Act

This bill establishes in the Veterans Health Administration an Office of the Ombudsman, which shall:

- investigate and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of patients receiving medical care or hospital services at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facility (covered patients) that relate to action, inaction, or decisions made by VA employees that may adversely affect such patients;
- assist covered patients in finding patient advocates, veterans service organizations, or other similar entities to advocate for their health, safety, welfare, and rights;
- ensure that covered patients have regular and timely access to Office services;
- administer the reporting system provided for by this Act; and
- provide training to local ombudsmen and volunteers.

The Office shall establish a reporting system to collect and analyze complaint data in order to determine how to resolve significant VA medical facility problems.

Each VA medical facility shall have a local ombudsman responsible for carrying out the duties of the Office at such location.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 25, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.