HR 28

Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2017

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
Introduced: Jan 3, 2017
Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 4, 2017)
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]
Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 23	Related bill	**May 17, 2017:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-299.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2017)

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This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to:

- adopt the unique device identification system developed for medical devices by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or implement a comparable standard identification system, for identifying biological implants intended for use in VA medical facilities;
- permit a vendor to use any of the accredited entities identified by the FDA as an issuing agency;
- implement (within 180 days after enactment of this bill) a compatible system for tracking implants from human donor or animal source to implantation; and
- implement compatible inventory controls so that patients who have received a biological implant in a VA medical facility subject to FDA recall can be appropriately notified.

The bill prescribes requirements for vendors from which the VA may procure biological implants of human and non-human origin. The VA shall: (1) procure such implants under General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedules unless they are not available under such Schedules, (2) accommodate reasonable vendor requests to undertake specified outreach efforts to educate VA medical professionals about the use and efficacy of implants, and (3) procure biological implants that are unavailable under such Schedules using competitive procedures in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Certain biological implants may be temporarily procured by the VA without relabeling under the standard identification system.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H31-33)
- **Jan 3, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 28.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H31-32)
- **Jan 3, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H31-32)
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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