

## S 2906

### VA MISSION Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 22, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 22, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 22, 2018
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 22, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 22, 2018
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 22, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 22, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 22, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 22, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 22, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 22, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 22, 2018
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 22, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 22, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 22, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 22, 2018
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 23, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 23, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 23, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2372	Related bill	<b>Jun 6, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-182.
115 HR 3832	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5830	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5674	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516.
115 S 2807	Related bill	<b>May 9, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 1873	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 925	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2018:</b> Held at the desk.
115 HR 1133	Related bill	<b>Nov 8, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 2123	Related bill	<b>Nov 8, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 4132	Related bill	<b>Oct 25, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 114	Related bill	<b>Aug 12, 2017:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-46.
115 HR 1058	Related bill	<b>Jul 25, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 1848	Related bill	<b>Jul 25, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 115	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2017:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-320.
115 S 1319	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 or VA MISSION Act of 2018**

This bill consolidates Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) community care programs, revises other VA health care programs and facilities provisions, and makes appropriations for veterans care.

The bill establishes the Veterans Community Care Program to furnish hospital care, medical services, and extended care services through certain non-VA providers to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system or otherwise entitled to VA care.

The VA may enter agreements with non-VA providers to furnish veterans with care that is otherwise not feasibly available.

The VA shall: (1) establish standards for VA health care quality and for non-VA care in areas of VA expertise, (2) prohibit rehiring previously-removed VA providers, (3) provide prompt payment to providers, and (4) establish opioid prescribing practices for non-VA providers.

The Veterans Choice Program is terminated after one year.

The bill establishes the Center for Innovation for Care and Payment.

The VA may: (1) provide care for the live donor of a transplant for a veteran, and (2) carry out a Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program and other actions to recruit health care professionals.

The VA family caregiver program is expanded.

The Office of Management and Budget shall review each enhanced-use facility lease.

The bill establishes pilot programs for medical scribes, mobile deployment teams for underserved facilities, and graduate medical education.

The bill extends VA pension reductions for Medicare-covered veterans in nursing homes.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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