

## S 304

### Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Feb 3, 2017

**Current Status:** An errata sheet on written report No. 115-112 was printed.

**Latest Action:** An errata sheet on written report No. 115-112 was printed. (Jun 15, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 3, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 15, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to permit the Indian Health Service (IHS) to pay copayments owed to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by Indian veterans for medical services authorized under the Purchased/Referred Care program and administered at a VA facility.

(Sec. 3) The IHS, the VA, and tribal health programs, in consultation with impacted tribes, must enter into a memorandum of understanding that authorizes the IHS or a tribal health program to pay such copayments unless it would decrease the quality of, or access to, health care for individuals receiving care from the IHS or the VA.

The IHS and the VA must report on veterans who are eligible for IHS assistance and have received care from the VA.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 15, 2017:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 115-112. Minority views filed.
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 149.
- **Jun 15, 2017:** An errata sheet on written report No. 115-112 was printed.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.