

## HR 3262

### Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 17, 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. (Jul 31, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3262>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jul 17, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 426	Related bill	Jul 11, 2017: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-320.

### **Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2017**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out the Grow Our Own Directive or G.O.O.D. pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as VA physician assistants.

An individual is eligible to participate in the program if the individual:

- has medical or military health experience gained while serving in the Armed Forces;
- has received a certificate, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, master's degree, or postbaccalaureate training in a science relating to health care;
- has participated in the delivery of health care services or related medical services; and
- does not have a degree of doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, or doctor of dentistry.

The VA shall:

- provide educational assistance to program participants for the costs of obtaining a master's degree in physician assistant studies or a similar master's degree,
- ensure that mentors are available for program participants at each VA facility at which a participant is employed, and
- seek to partner with specified government programs and with appropriate educational institutions that offer degrees in physician assistant studies.

The VA shall:

- establish specified standards to improve the education and hiring of VA physician assistants, and
- implement a national plan for the retention and recruitment of VA physician assistants that includes the adoption of competitive pay standards.

VA physician assistant pay grades are established.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 31, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-267.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 192.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6540-6543)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3262.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6540-6542)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6540-6542)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.