

## HR 4457

Veterans Empowerment Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Dec 7, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Nov 21, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Nov 21, 2017
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Feb 2, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 7, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 24, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 21, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans Empowerment Act**

This bill restructures the delivery of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care through private non-VA providers.

The Veterans Accountable Care Organization is established as a federally chartered corporation to permit veterans who are eligible for VA health care to choose to receive health care from private-sector providers. Veterans Health Administration (VHA) hospital care, medical services, and other health care functions and personnel (excluding nursing home care and domiciliary care) are transferred to the organization.

The bill establishes in the VHA the Veterans Health Insurance program to provide veterans with insurance coverage for both VA and private health care.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Nov 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.