

## HR 4653

### Servicemembers and Veterans Prescription Drug Safety Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Dec 14, 2017

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Dec 22, 2017
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Apr 11, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 10, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 15, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 14, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Servicemembers and Veterans Prescription Drug Safety Act of 2017**

This bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to carry out a joint program under which an eligible person who has lawfully obtained a covered controlled substance may deliver it for disposal at a facility to be specified by DOD and DOJ.

An eligible person for this purpose shall be:

- a member of the Armed Forces,
- an individual receiving or entitled to military retired or retainer pay,
- a member's dependent-beneficiary who is receiving certain health care services, or
- any person lawfully entitled to dispose of the property of any of such individuals who dies in lawful possession of a controlled substance for personal use.

DOD and DOJ shall develop guidelines and procedures to prevent the diversion, misuse, theft, or loss of such substances delivered under the program.

DOJ and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall carry out a similar joint program covering any veteran, veteran's spouse or dependent, a person in receipt of medical services at a VA facility, or any person lawfully entitled to dispose of the property of any of such individuals who dies in lawful possession of a controlled substance for personal use.

DOJ and the VA shall also develop guidelines and procedures to prevent the diversion, misuse, theft, or loss of such substances delivered under the program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 10, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Dec 15, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.