

HR 467

VA Scheduling Accountability Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 25, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 22, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 22, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Discharged From	May 23, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 6, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2555	Related bill	May 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 1163	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that each VA medical facility annually certifies that it is in full compliance with all provisions of law and regulations relating to scheduling appointments for veterans hospital care and medical services. The VA may not waive any applicable provision of such laws or regulations.

If unable to make such certification, the facility shall provide the VA with an explanation of noncompliance and a description of compliance actions being taken. If a facility does not make a certification for any year, each covered official may not receive specified awards or bonuses during the subsequent year. A covered official is the: (1) director, (2) chief of staff, (3) associate director, (4) associate director for patient care, and (5) deputy chief of staff.

(Sec. 3) The VA shall ensure that its directives and policies apply to, and are implemented by, each VA office or facility in a standardized manner, including at the local level.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 24, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4527-4528)
- **May 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 278). (text: CR 5/23/2017 H4467)
- **May 24, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 278). (text: CR 5/23/2017 H4467)
- **May 24, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-149, Part I.
- **May 23, 2017:** Committee on Oversight and Government discharged.
- **May 23, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 97.
- **May 23, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4467-4468)
- **May 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 467.
- **May 23, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 17, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.