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Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability First Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 21, 2017
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Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 21, 2017
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Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1094	Related bill	**Jun 23, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-41.
115 HR 1259	Related bill	**Mar 21, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2017)

Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability First Act of 2017

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to remove, demote by a reduction in grade and pay, or suspend a VA employee, including a member in a senior executive position, for reasons of performance or misconduct.

The bill prescribes VA removal and employee appeals procedures.

Whistle-blower protections are revised, including by prohibiting the VA from taking any such action against a person who has a pending whistle-blower complaint.

This bill provides for the reduction of federal annuities of VA employees and retirees convicted of a felony that influenced their performance while employed in such position.

The VA may recoup certain bonuses, awards, and reallocation expenses.

The VA may directly appoint qualifying individuals to the positions of Medical Center Director and Director of Veterans Integrated Service Network.

The bill revises time periods for adverse action reviews with respect to physicians, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists, registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries.

Actions Timeline

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