

## HR 897

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to State and local entities to carry out peer-to-peer mental health programs.

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**Chamber:** House

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

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Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Oct 3, 2017
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish the P.F.C. Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support program to make grants to eligible entities for peer-to-peer mental health programs for veterans.

"Eligible entity" means: (1) a nonprofit organization having historically served the mental health needs of veterans; (2) a congressionally chartered veteran service organization; or (3) a state, local, or tribal veteran service agency, director, or commissioner.

The VA shall establish an advisory committee to create appropriate program standards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.