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VA Hiring Enhancement Act

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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 902	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2019)

VA Hiring Enhancement Act

This bill modifies requirements and procedures related to hiring physicians and applicants for certain other professional positions at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Specifically, the bill negates enforcement of a noncompete agreement that an applicant for such an appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has entered into with a non-VA facility or party. As a condition of terminating the noncompete agreement, the applicant must agree to serve at the VHA for one year or until the expiration of the noncompete agreement, whichever is later.

Eligibility requirements for a VA physician's appointment are revised to require completion of a residency program rather than an internship.

The bill also authorizes the VA to offer a contingent physician's appointment to an individual if the VA anticipates that the individual will, within two years of the offer, complete a residency program leading to board eligibility in a specialty and meet other requirements for the appointment.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.