

## HR 2628

VET CARE Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** May 9, 2019

**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. (Mar 12, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2628>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

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

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| Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]                             | R · GA        |      | May 9, 2019  |
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| Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]                               | R · FL        |      | Sep 6, 2019  |
| Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]                                    | R · NY        |      | Sep 12, 2019 |
| Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]                                   | D · SC        |      | Sep 16, 2019 |
| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]                                    | R · FL        |      | Sep 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]                                      | D · CA        |      | Sep 20, 2019 |
| Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]                                      | R · FL        |      | Oct 23, 2019 |
| Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]                                  | D · NJ        |      | Dec 16, 2019 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]                                    | R · AZ        |      | Apr 17, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Discharged from | Mar 12, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans Early Treatment for Chronic Ailment Resurgence through Examinations Act of 2019 or the VET CARE Act of 2019**

This bill addresses dental care programs for veterans. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish administrative support to a dental care provider that provides services to a veteran that would not be covered by VA benefits.

The bill also requires the VA to implement a pilot program to provide free outpatient dental services and treatment, and related dental appliances, to eligible veterans. Eligible veterans are those who are (1) enrolled in the VA health care system but are not eligible for VA dental care, (2) not receiving regular periodontal care, (3) between 40 and 70 years old, and (4) diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 12, 2020:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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