

HR 2898

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a week as "Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.
116 S 4657	Related bill	Sep 23, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 4290	Related bill	Sep 20, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of May 22, 2019)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate one week per year as Buddy Check Week for the purposes of organizing outreach events and educating veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks. The VA shall ensure that the Veterans Crisis Line has a plan for handling the potential increase in calls that may occur during such week.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 23, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E667)
- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.