

HR 3530

Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act

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Sponsor

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

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| Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12] | R · GA | | Aug 13, 2019 |
| Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16] | D · TX | | Aug 20, 2019 |
| Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4] | R · LA | | Sep 3, 2019 |
| Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6] | R · AL | | Oct 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4] | R · MO | | Dec 13, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Discharged from | Oct 29, 2019 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 18, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 17, 2019)

Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act

This bill prescribes oversight requirements for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding health care professionals at VA medical centers.

Specifically, the bill requires the VA to ensure each VA medical center consistently compiles, verifies, and reviews specified documentation for each VA health care professional (including contractors).

The VA shall ensure that specified health care professionals hold an active Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

Each VA medical center must implement (1) monitoring of the performance and quality of the health care delivered by each health care professional at the center, and (2) reviews of such care if an individual notifies the VA of any potential concerns relating to a failure to meet generally accepted standards of clinical practice.

The bill imposes notification requirements in situations where the VA substantiates a concern relating to the clinical competency of, or quality of care delivered by, a current or former VA health care professional.

The VA is prohibited from entering into a settlement agreement relating to an adverse action against a VA health care professional if such agreement includes terms that require the VA to conceal certain information from the employee's personnel file. Such prohibition does not apply to adverse actions determined to be prohibited personnel practices.

The VA must provide mandatory training, at least biannually, to employees who are responsible for specified tasks (e.g., those who are responsible for compiling, validating, or reviewing the credentials of VA health care professionals).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10314-10315)
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 686). (text: 12/16/2019 CR H10272-10273)
- **Dec 17, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 686). (text: 12/16/2019 CR H10272-10273)
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10272-10275)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3530.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.