

HR 4290

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

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4657	Related bill	Sep 23, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 2898	Related bill	Jun 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Sep 11, 2019)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate one week per year as Battle 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

- **Sep 20, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.