

HR 8108

VA Serious Mental Illness Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 25, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 25, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.
116 S 3210	Related bill	Jan 16, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete the development of a clinical practice guideline or guidelines for the treatment of serious mental illness. Under the bill, such guidelines must address the treatment of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and persistent mood disorder (including bipolar disorder I and II).

The VA must carry out an explicit plan to implement and disseminate the clinical practice guideline or guidelines that are developed.

The VA must establish the Serious Mental Illness Work Group with the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop such clinical practice guideline or guidelines.

Finally, the VA must complete an assessment of the *2016 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Major Depressive Disorders* to determine if an update is necessary.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 10, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 25, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 25, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.