

## HR 8149

VA Precision Medicine Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Sep 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 10, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	<b>Oct 17, 2020:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-171.

## **VA Precision Medicine Act**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement the Precision Medicine for Veterans Initiative to identify and validate brain and mental health biomarkers among veterans, with specific consideration for depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, and traumatic brain injury.

The VA must develop data privacy and security measures to ensure the information of veterans participating in the initiative is kept private and secure. Additionally, the VA must make de-identified data collected under the initiative available for research purposes both within and outside of the VA. Data collected under the initiative may not be sold.

The VA must also assess the feasibility and advisability of coordinating efforts of the initiative with the Million Veterans Program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 10, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 1, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.