

S 1467

VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 5, 2022
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 6, 2022
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4591	Related bill	Jul 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 2916	Identical bill	Nov 4, 2021: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 11.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct clinical trials of the effects of medical-grade cannabis on the health outcomes of covered veterans diagnosed with chronic pain and those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Covered veterans are those who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

The trials must include a control group and an experimental group that are of similar sizes and structures and represent the demographics of the veteran population.

Data collected in the trials must be preserved to facilitate further research.

Under the bill, participation in the clinical trials does not affect a covered veteran's eligibility or entitlement to other VA benefits.

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