

## S 1468

Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 25, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 16, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2441	Related bill	<b>Jun 30, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-21.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), during FY2022, to establish and maintain three new centers of the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement (RANGE) Program in areas with interest from personnel and a need for additional mental health care for rural veterans. The RANGE Program serves veterans in rural areas who are experiencing mental illness.

The bill requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and report on whether the VA has sufficient resources to serve rural veterans who need mental health care that is more intensive than traditional outpatient therapy.

## **Actions Timeline**

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