

HR 1656

TREAT PTSD Act

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Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 20, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act or the TREAT PTSD Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) to furnish stellate ganglion block to certain veterans or members of the Armed Forces (including reserve components) diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Blocking the stellate ganglion (a group of nerves at the base of the neck) by injecting a local anesthetic is a treatment that may alleviate PTSD symptoms.

The bill authorizes this treatment for any veteran or member of the Armed Forces who (1) is enrolled in the VA health care system or TRICARE program, (2) has been diagnosed with PTSD, and (3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion block after being informed by a physician of the risks and benefits. Such treatment may be furnished at a VA medical center, DOD medical facility, or through health care provider under the Veterans Community Care Program or TRICARE health insurance program.

The bill also requires the VA and DOD to update the *VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Management of PTSD* to ensure that information about stellate ganglion block is included.

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