

## S 1965

Planning for Aging Veterans Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

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Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6332	Related bill	<b>Jan 6, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Planning for Aging Veterans Act of 2021

This bill addresses the long-term care of veterans, including by implementing policies for the administration of state homes.

First, the bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop a strategy for the long-term care of veterans.

The VA must develop a standardized process for entering into sharing agreements between state homes and VA medical centers. A *state home* is a home established by a state for veterans who are disabled by age, disease, or otherwise and incapable of earning a living because of such disability. The term also includes a home that furnishes nursing home care for veterans.

Under the bill, the VA must ensure that veterans who are catastrophically disabled are not required to pay a co-payment for medication received at a state home. Generally, veterans are *catastrophically disabled* if they have a permanent severely disabling injury, disorder, or disease that compromises the ability to carry out the activities of daily living.

The VA must monitor any contractor it uses to conduct inspections of state homes, including by reviewing inspections, reporting deficiencies, and publishing inspection results on a public VA website.

The VA must implement a two-year pilot program to provide geriatric psychiatry assistance to eligible veterans at state homes.

Finally, the VA must work with public housing authorities and local organizations to assist aging homeless veterans in accessing existing housing and supportive services, even if a veteran is not eligible for such services from the VA.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231.
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.