

## S 2041

### Department of Veterans Affairs Provider Accountability Act

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 14, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">117 S 1307</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
<a href="#">117 HR 217</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 17, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Department of Veterans Affairs Provider Accountability Act**

This bill prescribes oversight requirements for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding health care professionals at VA medical centers.

Specifically, the bill requires the VA to ensure each VA medical center consistently compiles, verifies, and reviews specified documentation for each VA health care professional (including contractors).

The VA shall ensure that specified health care professionals hold an active Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

Each VA medical center must implement (1) monitoring of the performance and quality of the health care delivered by each health care professional at the center, and (2) reviews of such care if an individual notifies the VA of any potential concerns relating to a failure to meet generally accepted standards of clinical practice.

The bill imposes notification requirements in situations where the VA substantiates a concern relating to the clinical competency of, or quality of care delivered by, a current or former VA health care professional.

The VA is prohibited from entering into a settlement agreement relating to an adverse action against a VA health care professional if such agreement includes terms that require the VA to conceal certain information from the employee's personnel file. Such prohibition does not apply to adverse actions determined to be prohibited personnel practices.

The VA must provide mandatory training, at least annually, to employees who are responsible for specified tasks (e.g., those who are responsible for compiling, validating, or reviewing the credentials of VA health care professionals).

## **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 14, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.