

HR 2441

Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (37 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		May 7, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 7, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 12, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		May 12, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 13, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 13, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 13, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 13, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 17, 2021
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		May 17, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		May 17, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 17, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		May 17, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 17, 2021
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		May 18, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		May 18, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		May 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 4, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 403	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 1468	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 30, 2021)

Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021

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

- **Jun 30, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-21.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4796)
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- **Jun 24, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 19, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 403, proceedings on H.R. 2441 are considered vacated.
- **May 18, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008.(consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2513)
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008. (consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2513)
- **May 17, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 17, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2375-2378; text: CR H2375-2376)
- **May 17, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2441.
- **May 17, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **May 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 6.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.