

## HR 2521

### DOULA for VA Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 5, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2521>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Apr 14, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 29, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 20, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 5, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1937	Identical bill	Oct 20, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

## **Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2022 or the DOULA for VA Act of 2022**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to study the feasibility and advisability of furnishing doula services to pregnant or formerly pregnant veterans (with respect to postpartum care) who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 5, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8701-8702)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 376 - 44 (Roll no. 497).
- **Dec 1, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 376 - 44 (Roll no. 497). (text: 11/29/2022 CR H8601-8602)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8600-8602)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2521.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** 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.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.