

S 2533

Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME] | R · ME | | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Jan 4, 2022 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jan 31, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Mar 10, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 4794 | Identical bill | Oct 14, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |

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This bill addresses the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provision of mammograms and breast cancer treatment.

Among other requirements, the VA must

- submit a strategic plan for improving breast imaging services for veterans;
- implement a three-year pilot program to provide telescreening mammography services for veterans who live in locations where access to breast imaging services at a VA facility is difficult or unfeasible;
- upgrade all mammography services at its facilities to use three-dimensional breast imaging;
- study the availability of access to testing for the breast cancer gene for veterans diagnosed with breast cancer, as recommended by the guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network;
- update guidelines to increase the use of molecular testing and genetic counseling for veterans diagnosed with breast cancer;
- study the accessibility of breast imaging services at VA facilities for veterans with paralysis, spinal cord injury or disorder, or another disability; and
- update its policies and directives to ensure that it confirms the accessibility of a breast imaging site when referring a veteran with a spinal cord injury or disorder to a non-VA provider.

The Inspector General of the VA must report to the VA and to Congress on mammography services furnished by the VA.

In addition, the VA must enter into a partnership with at least one cancer center of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in each Veterans Integrated Service Network to expand access to high-quality cancer care for women veterans. In implementing such partnerships, the VA must ensure that veterans with breast cancer who reside in rural areas or states without a partner cancer center are able to receive care through telehealth.

Finally, the VA must collaborate with the Department of Defense and report on all current research and health care collaborations between the departments on treating veterans and members of the Armed Forces with breast cancer.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-135.
- **Jun 6, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **May 18, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 18, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5112-5115)
- **May 18, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2533.
- **May 18, 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.
- **May 18, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5170-5171)
- **May 18, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 227).
- **May 18, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 227). (text: CR H5113-5114)
- **May 18, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S1754-1756; text: CR S1754)
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S1754-1756; text: CR S1754)
- **Mar 10, 2022:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Tester with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 10, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 303.
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.