

HR 2545

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 14, 2021

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-96.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-96. (Mar 14, 2022)

Law: 117-96 (Enacted Mar 14, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2545>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 12, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 4, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2787	Identical bill	Dec 15, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
117 HRES 473	Related bill	Jun 14, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H2716)

Summary (as of Mar 14, 2022)

This bill generally aligns the position of podiatrists with that of physicians for pay and grade purposes within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Additionally, the bill replaces the Director of Podiatric Service position with a Podiatric Medical Director to be responsible for the operation of the podiatric service at the VHA. Such director must be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 14, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-96.
- **Mar 11, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1013)
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- **Mar 7, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Jun 16, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2779-2780; text: CR H2779-2780)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2545.
- **Jun 15, 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.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 473, proceedings on H.R. 2545 are considered vacated.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 8 of H. Res. 473, and the motion offered by Mr. McGovern, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 293; H.R. 587; H.R. 610, as amended; H.R. 1144, as amended; H.R. 1703, as amended; H.R. 1921; H.R. 2008; H.R. 2332, as amended; H.R. 2545; and H.R. 3642, as amended.(consideration: CR H2792-2799; text: CR H2797)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Pursuant to section 8 of H. Res. 473, and the motion offered by Mr. McGovern, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 293; H.R. 587; H.R. 610, as amended; H.R. 1144, as amended; H.R. 1703, as amended; H.R. 1921; H.R. 2008; H.R. 2332, as amended; H.R. 2545; and H.R. 3642, as amended. (consideration: CR H2792-2799; text: CR H2797)
- **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:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.