

HR 2724

VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (39 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 11, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 18, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 4, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaialii [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jan 20, 2022
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 6, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 16, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4441	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Dec 27, 2022)

This act prescribes that a peer support specialist of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must not be responsible for providing assistance to a veteran regarding a claim for compensation for a covered mental health condition (e.g., post-traumatic stress disorder) based on military sexual trauma (MST) experienced during active service. Such specialists must only provide counseling services, guidance, and support and must not participate in the adjudication of the claim.

As part of the forms for claims for compensation for a covered mental health condition based on MST, the VA must include an option for a veteran to elect to be referred to a MST trauma coordinator at the VA facility closest to the veteran's residence.

Additionally, the VA must (1) ensure that its peer support specialists receive annual training on providing peer support regarding MST, and (2) provide annual training on the processing of claims for compensation for covered mental health conditions based on MST to its MST coordinators and peer specialists.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 27, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 27, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-271.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7268)
- **May 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 18, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 18, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5109-5110)
- **May 18, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2724.
- **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 H5168-5169)
- **May 18, 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): 420 - 0 (Roll no. 224).
- **May 18, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 420 - 0 (Roll no. 224). (text: CR H5109)
- **May 18, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.