

## HR 2749

### Lethal Means Safety Training Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 21, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 14, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2749>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jul 9, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 18, 2022
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		May 18, 2022
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1277	Related bill	<b>Apr 21, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Lethal Means Safety Training Act**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to update its Lethal Means Safety and Suicide Prevention training course at least once a year to ensure it is culturally appropriate and uses best practices identified by subject matter experts (e.g., veterans service organizations).

The bill requires certain VA employees and care providers to take the most recently updated version of the training course within 90 days after the person is hired, agrees to furnish care, or receives support and at least annually thereafter. Specifically, the bill requires the following categories of VA employees or care providers to take the training course:

- employees of the Veterans Health Administration or Veterans Benefits Administration who regularly interact with veterans,
- compensation and pension examiners,
- employees of Veterans Centers or vocational rehabilitation facilities,
- employees of Veterans Community Care Providers who provide care to veterans, and
- family caregivers receiving support under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

The VA must publish the training course on a publicly available VA website. Additionally, the VA must publish a report on its website that includes the percentage of individuals in each category who have completed such training.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2060)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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