

HR 2910

Veterans Health Care Freedom Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Oct 7, 2022

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3603	Related bill	Feb 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill requires the Center for Innovation for Care and Payment within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a three-year pilot program to improve the ability of veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system to access hospital care, medical services, and extended care services through the covered care system by providing such veterans with the ability to choose health care providers. Under the bill, the *covered care system* includes VA medical facilities, health care providers participating in the Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP), and eligible entities or providers that have entered into a Veterans Care Agreement.

A veteran participating in the program may elect to receive care at any provider in the covered care system.

The pilot program removes certain requirements (e.g., location of the veteran) to access care at VA and non-VA facilities. After four years, the bill permanently phases out the requirements for accessing care under the VCCP and Veterans Care Agreements and requires the VA to provide such care under the same conditions of the pilot program. Additionally, after four years, veterans may receive care at a VA medical facility regardless of whether the facility is in the same Veterans Integrated Service Network as the veteran.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.