

## HR 3405

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a week as "Battle Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 2, 2021)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to | Aug 2, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 2617 | Related bill | <b>Dec 29, 2022:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-328. |

## Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate one week per year as Battle Buddy Check Week for the purposes of organizing outreach events and educating veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks. The VA shall ensure that the Veterans Crisis Line has a plan for handling the potential increase in calls that may occur during such week.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.