

## HR 4794

### Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 14, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2533	Identical bill	Jun 7, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-135.

### Summary (as of Jul 29, 2021)

## Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act

This bill addresses the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provision of mammograms and breast cancer treatment.

Among other requirements, the VA must

- submit a strategic plan for improving breast imaging services for veterans,
- implement a three-year pilot program to provide telemammography services for veterans who live in locations where access to breast imaging services at a VA facility is difficult or unfeasible,
- upgrade all mammography services at its facilities to use three-dimensional breast imaging,
- update guidelines to increase the use of testing for the breast cancer gene and genetic counseling for veterans diagnosed with breast cancer, and
- update its policies and directives to ensure that it confirms the accessibility of a breast imaging site when referring a veteran with a spinal cord injury or disorder to a non-VA provider.

In addition, the VA must enter into a partnership with at least one cancer center of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in each Veterans Integrated Service Network to expand access to high-quality cancer care for women veterans. In implementing such partnerships, the VA must ensure that veterans with breast cancer who reside in rural areas or states without a partner cancer center are able to receive care through telehealth.

Finally, the VA must collaborate with the Department of Defense and report on all current research and health care collaborations between the departments on treating veterans and members of the Armed Forces with breast cancer.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 14, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.