

## HR 5543

Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Oct 14, 2021)

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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Nov 9, 2021
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Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Dec 9, 2021
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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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 3255	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Veterans Census-Enabled National Treatment Equitable Resource Supplement for Mental Health Act of 2021 or the Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure the number of Vet Centers in certain states is increased by at least one additional center if the VA determines the state meets specified requirements. The VA must also establish a community-based outpatient clinic in each state that does not share a land border with another state, is located at least 2,000 miles from the contiguous United States, and contains no such clinic.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 14, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.