

## S 613

### PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231. (Jun 23, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 5, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 5, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 19, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 21, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 18, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 25, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 17, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 23, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1448	Related bill	<b>Aug 25, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-37.

## **Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act or the PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act**

This bill implements a program and a policy related to service dog therapy for veterans. Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a five-year pilot program to assess the effectiveness of addressing post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder through a method where veterans train service dogs for veterans with disabilities.

The bill also authorizes the VA to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses, regardless of whether they have a mobility impairment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 23, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231.
- **Mar 5, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.