

## HR 8386

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish internship programs relating to behavioral health, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 14, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 14, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 14, 2022)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish paid predoctoral and postdoctoral internship programs for the purpose of training licensed officials (e.g., licensed professional counselors) to work as VA behavioral health providers at VA medical facilities.

As a condition of participating in such an internship program, the participant must enter into an agreement with the VA to work on a full-time basis as a behavioral health provider for a period of time that is at least equivalent to the period of participation in the internship program.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2022:** Introduced in House
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