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BEST for Vets Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
Introduced: Feb 7, 2023
Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-160.
Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-160. (Apr 26, 2023)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]
Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		May 1, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7434	Related bill	**Feb 23, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2023)

Better Examiner Standards and Transparency for Veterans Act of 2023 or the BEST for Vets Act of 2023

This bill provides that only health care professionals who are licensed and not barred from practice may furnish medical disability examinations under the Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program related to using contract physicians for disability examinations. Health care professionals include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, audiologists, and psychologists.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2023:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-160.
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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