

HR 3023

TREAT PTSD Act

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Committee Activity

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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred To | Apr 28, 2023 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | May 18, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 28, 2023)

Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act or the TREAT PTSD Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) to furnish stellate ganglion block to certain veterans or members of the Armed Forces (including reserve components) diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Blocking the stellate ganglion (a group of nerves at the base of the neck) by injecting a local anesthetic is a treatment that may alleviate PTSD symptoms.

The bill authorizes this treatment for any veteran or member of the Armed Forces who (1) is enrolled in the VA health care system or TRICARE program, (2) has been diagnosed with PTSD, and (3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion block after being informed by a physician of the risks and benefits. Such treatment may be furnished at a VA medical center, DOD medical facility, or through health care provider under the Veterans Community Care Program or TRICARE health insurance program.

The bill also requires the VA and DOD to update the *VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Management of PTSD* to ensure that information about stellate ganglion block is included.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.