

HR 3617

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the authority to provide a wig and treat traction alopecia under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 23, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2023)

This bill expands primary and preventative health care services for women under TRICARE to include health care services for traction alopecia. The bill also authorizes the provision of a wig for traction alopecia. (Under current law, wigs are only authorized for individuals with alopecia resulting from the treatment of a malignant disease).

Additionally, the bill requires the implementation of regulations regarding grooming standards and training materials to ensure members of the Armed Forces are warned that the prolonged use of tightly gathered hairstyles, dyes, and chemical hair products may cause health issues, such as traction alopecia.

Actions Timeline

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