



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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H.R. 1162: The No Hero Left Untreated Act

Background:

A [2016 VA report](#) found that the rate of mental health conditions or substance use disorders among Veterans Health Administration (VHA) patients has steadily increased throughout the 21st century, rising from 27 percent in 2001 to 40 percent in 2014. During the same time, the number of prescriptions for opioids written by VA providers has increased 259%. The same report also found a high rate of suicide among veterans, with approximately 20 veteran suicides per day. These alarming statistics demonstrate a need to explore new and innovative treatments for veterans with mental health conditions or chronic pain.

Magnetic Resonant Therapy (MRT) is an innovative treatment for veterans with mental health conditions or chronic pain. MRT uses quantitative electroencephalogram (EEG)/ electrocardiogram (EKG) technology to identify dysfunctional areas of the brain in patients suffering from mental health conditions and then repeatedly applying magnetic stimulation to help restore proper brain function in those areas. MRT technology has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat depression and has been successfully used to treat conditions like PTSD and TBI.

H.R. 1162 would require VA to carry out a one-year pilot program at up to two VA medical facilities to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans with PTSD, TBI, MST, chronic pain or opiate addiction for up to 50 veterans.

The Message:

- It is our duty to take care of veterans suffering from the physical or invisible wounds of war.
- We must take every step to shield our nation's heroes from the epidemics of veteran suicide and over-prescription of opioids.
- Magnetic Resonant Therapy has been successfully used to treat depression, PTSD and TBI.
- This bill would create a pilot program to explore Magnetic Resonant Therapy as treatment for veterans experiencing mental health conditions.