

**Bill Number:** H.R. 2234

**Bill Sponsor:** Rep. Underwood, Lauren(D-IL-14)

**Title of Bill:** Ensuring Veterans' Timely Access to Anesthesia Care of 2025

**Current Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2234/text>

**Status:** June 11, 2025: Subcommittee hearing held.

**Summary:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update certain standards regarding anesthesia and pain management services in the Veterans Health Administration.

**P&A Committee Insights:**

- Focus on providing anesthesia care within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
- The bill aims to ensure that veterans receive timely and high-quality anesthesia services by aligning VHA standards with those of the Defense Health Agency (DHA).
- This is recognizing CRNAs as licensed independent practitioners, similar to the DHA's policy.
- FPA for CRNA in the VHA
- The American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) strongly supports

**Position:** Support

**Priority:** High

**Subject:** Professional Practice

**Bill to Review:** Ensuring Veterans Timely Access to Anesthesia Care of 2025 (H.R. 2234)

- Introduced: March 16, 2025
- Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- Subcommittee hearing held on June 11, 2025.

**Leader of bill:**

- Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL)
- Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA)

**Reviewer:** R. Hickson

**Date:** July 2025

Overall Pros	Overall Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on aim proving anesthesia care within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)</li><li>• Bill aims to ensure veterans receive timely and high-quality anesthesia services by aligning VHA standards with those of the Defense Health Agency (DHA).</li><li>• This is recognizing CRNA as licensed independent practitioners, similar to the DHA’s policy</li></ul>	None

**Language Concerns:** None

**Reviewer Comments:** FPA for CRNA in the VHA

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**Recommendation for NAHN Position (Support, Watch, Oppose):** Support