

**Summary of H.R. 671, as amended
Ruth Moore Act of 2013
SECTION BY SECTIONS**

1) H.R. 671, Ruth Moore Act of 2013, as amended; Pingree (D-ME-01)

Section-by-Section:

- **Sec. 1. Short title. Ruth Moore Act of 2013.**

- **Sec. 2. Reports on claims for disabilities incurred or aggravated by military sexual trauma.** Includes provisional reporting requirements that would be sunset in the event that VA updates and improves their regulations with regard to military sexual trauma. These reporting requirements would be due 15 months following enactment. The reporting requirements would require:
 - VA to provide a copy of the report to be provided to congress under section 1164 to every veteran that has applied for benefits as a result of MST or has been treated at a VHA facility with regards to MST or conditions as a result thereof immediately after providing it to Congress.
 - Provide on a monthly basis an update in regards to VA's progress in updating their regulations with regards to military sexual trauma to every veteran that has applied for benefits or has been treated at a VA facility. This update shall also include:
 - Their anticipated date of completion for their regulations.
 - The number of claims in regards to MST that have been granted and denied for the most recent completed month.
 - The three most common reasons for denial in regards to the preceding month shall be included.
 - The average time for completion of these claims shall be included.
 - The average time for processing MST claims at the veterans local VA Regional office shall be included.
 - Information regarding applying for a claim shall be included.
 - This shall also include the annual rate of grants and denials in comparison to other PTSD claims.
 - VA would be required to place their monthly information as it is released on <http://va.gov/> with placement so that visitors of the site can view the information upon arrival to the site.
 - VA shall provide to Congress on a monthly basis a list of all adjudicated claims with regards to military sexual trauma, ancillary claims that were also applied for, and the adjudication outcomes for each medical condition therein, as well as the rational for denial if denied.

- **Sec. 3. Extension of rounding down of percentage of increases of rates of certain educational assistance.**