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# Legislative Update: 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Overview

- Nearly 18,000 bills introduced across House & Senate
- Over 1,400 are veterans-centered bills



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# Make the Claims and Appeals Process Work Better

## Active CAN Alerts:

**H.R. 1039** — Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act, **7,902**

- VA review and simplification of decision letters

**H.R. 2576 | S. 1245** — Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act, **8,086**

- Expands VA care and strengthens MST claims

**H.R. 1732** — GUARD VA Benefits Act, **9,027**

- Reinstates penalties for unaccredited claims

## Additional Bill:

**H.R. 1286** — Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act

- VA review and simplification of benefits forms

# Strengthen Presumptive Policies To Ensure Toxic-exposed Veterans Receive Earned Benefits in a Timely Manner

## Active CAN Alerts:

**S. 2220** — FORGOTTEN Veterans Act, **10,364**

- Expands benefits for radiation-exposed forgotten veterans

**H.R. 4469** — PRESUME Act, **7,333**

- Presumes benefits for toxic-exposed veterans nationwide

**S. 2061 | H.R. 6005** — Molly R. Loomis Toxic Exposure Descendants Research Act, **13,516**

- Supports descendants harmed by veterans' toxic exposures

## Additional Bills:

**H.R. 7841** — Warrior Infertility Act

- Presumption of service-connected infertility due to toxic exposure

**S. 3098** — Presumptive CLARITY Act

- Transparency in VA presumptive condition reviews

# Eliminate Gaps in Veterans Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention

## Active CAN Alerts:

**H.R. 1987** — Saving Our Veterans Lives Act, **4,538**

- Expands crisis-response programs to prevent veteran suicide

**S. 702 | H.R. 2426** — Mental Health & Addiction Therapy Quality Act, **9,545**

- Improves quality standards for veteran mental-health therapy

**H.R. 4509** — NOPAIN for Veterans Act, **7,455**

- Ensures safer, evidence-based pain care for veterans

**H.R. 4837** — the Written Informed Consent Act, **6,715**

- Requires clear written consent for veteran treatments

## Additional Bills:

**S. 4220** — VHA Novel Therapeutics Preparedness Act

- Evaluation and rollout of innovative mental-health treatments

**H.R. 6024** — BRAVE Act of 2025

- Strengthened VA mental-health services and coordination

# Prevent Congress or VA From Reducing, Offsetting or Taxing Veterans Benefits

## Active CAN Alerts:

**S. 1032 | H.R. 2102** — Major Richard Star Act, **42,501**

- Delivers concurrent pay for combat-injured retirees

**H.R. 303** — Retired Pay Restoration Act, **10,838**

- Restores full retired pay for disabled veterans under 50%

## Additional Bills:

**H.R. 333** — Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act

- Restoration of full concurrent receipt for all service-disabled retirees including Chapter 61 combat/non-combat and longevity retirees under 50% disability rating

# Modernize and Strengthen Benefits for Survivors

## Active CAN Alerts:

**H.R. 1004 | S. 410** — Love Lives On Act, **36,410**

- Eliminates remarriage penalties for surviving military spouses

**H.R. 680 | S. 611** — Caring for Survivors Act, **10,718**

- Increases DIC payments to support surviving families up to 55% VA compensation.

**H.R. 6047** — Sharri Briley & Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act, **7,422**

- Expands critical benefits for severely injured veterans and increase DIC

## Additional Bill:

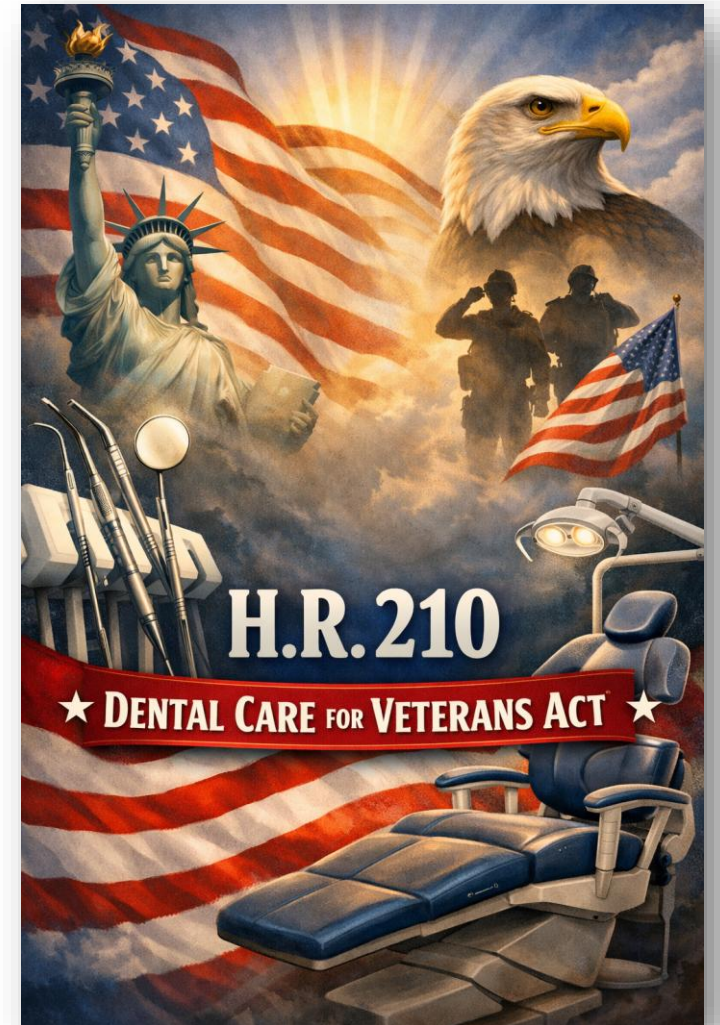
**H.R. 2228** — Survivor Benefits Fairness Act

- Updated effective date for survivor benefit adjustments

# Expand Comprehensive Dental Care Services to All Service-disabled Veterans

## Active CAN Alert:

- **H.R. 210** — Dental Care for Veterans Act, **11,390**
  - Expands comprehensive dental care access for all VHA enrolled service-disabled veterans



# Enhance Long-term Care by Providing Assisted Living and Increasing Caregiver Support

## Active CAN Alerts:

H.R. 109 — TEAM Veterans Caregivers Act, **8,059**

- Strengthens support and protections for veteran caregivers

H.R. 1970 — Providing Veterans Essential Medication Act, **8,451**

- Ensures timely access to essential medications for veterans

## Additional Bill:

H.R. 2148: Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act

- Expanded workforce, education and retirement support for veteran caregivers

# Questions & Support

- DAV CAN
- Benefits Protection Team Leader Toolkit
- National Legislative Team

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