

2026-2027 Legislative Program

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Legislation and Veterans Rights Committee	
11	Increase Adaptive Automobile Equipment Funding
12	Strengthen the VA Fiduciary Program
13	Oppose Reductions, Offsets, Recoupment or Means Testing of VA Benefits
14	Improve Efficiency and Transparency in VA Claims and Appeal Process
16	Establish Clothing Allowance Eligibility for Post Mastectomy Prosthetic Devices
17	Standardize Trauma Informed Practices in Mental Health C&P Examinations
24	Service Connection for Gulf War Vaccine-Related Health Conditions
48	Apply the Proposed Reduction Due Process to All Disability Evaluation Reductions
49	Strengthen Veterans Affairs Life Insurance for Service-Disabled Veterans

56	Reduce the 10-Year Eligibility Requirement for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
57	Support Interest Payments on Delayed VA Retroactive Benefit Awards
58	Expand Presumptive Service Connection for Former POWs
59	Support Temporary Total Disability Compensation for Service-Connected Amputee Veterans Awaiting Replacement Prosthetic Devices
60	Oppose Decentralizing the Board of Veterans' Appeals
61	Strengthen Full and Fair Judicial Review in Veterans' Appeals
64	Protect Veterans' Earned Benefits from Budget Enforcement Cuts
66	Restore Taxed Disability Severance Pay for All Eligible Veterans
67	Ensure Fair and Consistent Evaluation of Disability Claims Related to Military Sexual Trauma
68	Improve VA Adaptive Housing Benefits for Severely Disabled Veterans
69	Expand Recognition of Radiation-Exposed Veterans and Radiogenic Diseases
70	Ensure Appropriate Special Monthly Compensation for Veterans With Anatomical Loss or Loss of Use of Three Extremities
71	Expand Eligibility for Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance
72	Protect Veterans from Predatory Claims Practices and Unreasonable Fees

73	Increase the VA Burial Allowance for Service-Connected Deaths and Provide Automatic Annual Adjustments
74	Increase VA Disability Compensation to Account for Loss of Quality of Life
76	Expand Temporary Total Disability Ratings for Service-Connected Disabilities Requiring Extended Incapacitation or Home-Based Recovery
77	Protect Veterans' Disability Compensation and Survivor Benefits Through Accurate Cost-of-Living Adjustments
78	Permanently Protect VA Disability Ratings After 10 Years
80	Exclude VA Disability Compensation from Countable Income
81	Remove the Expiration Date for Persian Gulf War Veterans' Qualifying Chronic Disabilities
119	Expand Burial and Funeral Assistance for Eligible Surviving Spouses
120	Standardize VA Contact Procedures for Higher-Level Review Informal Conferences
121	Preserve Continuity of VA-Accredited Representation
131	Support Presumptive Benefits and Care for Veterans Exposed to Toxic Substances at Military Installations and Other Service Locations
138	Improve Accessibility, Clarity, Efficiency and Accountability in the VA Claims and Appeals Process
141	Protecting Veterans' Disability Ratings When Participating in VA Therapeutic and Wellness Programs
146	Support Research on Thyroid Disorders Among Gulf War Veterans

147	Support Consideration of Racial Trauma in PTSD Claims
149	Increase the Maximum VA Disability Evaluation for Migraine Headaches
150	Strengthen Board of Veterans' Appeals Case Processing and Protect Veterans' Docket Rights
151	Improve VA and DoD Dependency-Status Coordination to Prevent Avoidable Overpayments
153	Recognize Hostile Military or Terrorist Activity for Wartime-Service Eligibility
155	Support Equitable Benefits for Veterans, Survivors and Dependents Affected by Toxic Exposures
156	Require Clear Written Confirmation for Withdrawal of VA Appeals
159	Presume Service-Connected Death for Burial Allowance Purposes for Veterans Rated Totally Disabled Based on Individual Unemployability
160	Ensure Payment of BVA Awards After Appellant Death
183	Support Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and VA Disability Compensation
184	Support Presumptive Service Connection for Hearing Loss and Tinnitus Related to Hazardous Noise Exposure
195	Ensure Sustained Research, Data Collection and Care for Toxic-Exposed Veterans
196	Establish Minimum Compensable Ratings for Service-Connected Disabilities Requiring Continuous Treatment, Medication or Prosthetic Devices
199	Eliminate One-Year Manifestation Requirement for Chloracne, PCT and Peripheral Neuropathy from Agent Orange Exposure

202	Ensure VA Mental Health Ratings Fully Reflect Veterans' Symptoms and Earning-Capacity Impairment
216	Support Research on Burn Pit Exposure Among Vietnam Veterans
229	Service Connection Claims for Adverse Reactions to DoD-Required Vaccinations
230	Recognize Obesity as an Intermediate Step in Secondary Service Connection
235	Support Recognition, Research, Treatment and Benefits for Gulf War Veterans Exposed to Sarin Nerve Agents
248	Support Research, Awareness and Care for Veterans with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and Other Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders
258	Recognize Children Under Court-Ordered Guardianship as VA Dependents
266	Strengthen and Sustain VA Home Loan Benefits and Foreclosure Prevention Protections
274	Aid and Attendance Allowance for Dependent Adult Children of Veterans Who Are Permanently Incapable of Self-Support
291	Investigate Potential Cancer and Toxic Exposure Risks to Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Facilities
295	Recognize Qualified Vet Center Mental Health Diagnoses and Treatment Records for VA Disability Claims
303	Ensure Transportation Assistance for C&P Exams
304	Improve Access to VA Claim Examinations
305	Support Pancreatic Cancer Presumption for Herbicide-Exposed Veterans

355	Ensure Full, Timely and Consistent Funding for VA Programs, Benefits and Services
356	Strengthen Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Survivors
357	Oppose Replacing Monthly VA Disability Compensation with Lump-Sum Payments
358	Preserve Veterans' Right to File VA Disability Compensation Claims Without Time Limits
359	Oppose Restrictions on Establishing Service Connection
360	Ensure VA Treatment Records Help Preserve Veterans' Effective Dates for Presumptive Conditions
363	Safeguard Veterans' Personal Identification Information
366	Clarify Intent-to-File Rules to Protect Veterans' Effective Dates
368	Protect Women Veterans' Access to Menopause Care and Service-Connected Disability Benefits
436	Strengthen VBA Training to Improve Claims Accuracy and Timeliness
438	Ensure Ongoing Research, Outreach and Compensation for Gulf War Veterans with Brain Tumors and Related Neurological Cancers
441	Restore Chronicity and Continuity as Pathways to Service Connection
458	Advocate for Automatic Enrollment of Eligible Veterans into VA Benefits and Services
466	Timely Access to Compensation and Pension Examination Reports

467	Ensure Transparency, Oversight and Veteran Representation in VA Disability Rulemaking
489	Transparency for fully developed claims
549	Support Eliminating the 30-Day Service Requirement for Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Presumptions
554	Accessible Communication Options for Blind and Low-Vision Veterans
558	Protect Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability
566	Support Concurrent Receipt of Medal of Honor Special Pension and DIC for Eligible Surviving Spouses
573	Allow Veterans Law Judges to Review Relevant Evidence Already in VA's Possession
578	Improve Recognition, Research and Benefits for Veterans with Brain Health Conditions Linked to Blast Overpressure and Repetitive Military Exposures
579	Simplify Acceptable Claims Form Applications
582	Ensure Military Occupational Duties Are Considered in Toxic Exposure Research, Screening, Health Care and Benefits Determinations
583	Preserve Herbicide Exposure Presumptions for Veterans Serving in Recognized Locations
649	Support Modernizing VA Hearing Loss Examinations and Rating Criteria
650	Support Women Veterans' Toxic Exposure Research and Benefits
654	Oppose Offsets or Reductions to VA Disability Compensation Based on Other Federal Benefits

668	Expand Eligibility For VA Automobile Adaptive Equipment For Veterans Whose Service-Connected Disabilities Affect Safe Vehicle Operation
702	Protect Programs that Promote Fair Access, Representation and Support for Disabled Veterans, Their Families and Caregivers
703	Strengthen Fairness in VA debt Collection Policies
704	Support Equitable DIC for Surviving Parent Caregivers
705	Protect the VA Disability Rating Standard Based on Average Impairments of Earning Capacity
706	Provide DIC at the 100% Compensation Rate for Survivors of Totally Disabled Veterans
708	Expand Eligibility for Full Payment of Accrued Benefits to the Veteran's Next of Kin
Hospital and Voluntary Service Committee	
2	Provide Consistent Access to Integrative Health Services for Veterans with Chronic Conditions
6	Strengthen and Protect the VA Health Care System
7	Improve VA Staffing and Reduce Wait Times
8	Increase Repair Limits for Repair of VTN Program Vehicles
18	Ensure Seamless Access to Veterans' Health Records Across VA, DOD and Community Care Settings
19	Expand and Codify VA Assisted Reproductive Technology Eligibility

20	Improve Oversight and Accountability for VA Critical Skills Incentive Use
21	Advance Rehabilitation, Screening and Research for Blast-Related Brain Injury
22	Expand VA Research on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Veterans with Treatment-Resistant PTSD and TBI
23	Encourage VA Nominations for the DAV Scholarship Program
25	Support Comprehensive Polytrauma Care
26	Support Dedicated Funding and Access for VA Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Services
27	Provide Ongoing Assistive Technology Training for VA Blind Rehabilitation Personnel
28	Support Representation for Underserved Service-Disabled Veterans
29	Expand VA Fitness, Nutrition and Adaptive Sports Programs
30	Urge VA to Improve Community Care Access Through Stronger Network Oversight and Reduced Administrative Burdens for Community Providers
31	Ensure Veterans May Remain with Their Community Care Providers When Continuity of Care Is in Their Best Medical Interest
33	Training For VA Prosthetic Staff Supporting Women Veterans After Mastectomy
42	Fully and Fairly Reimburse Veterans' Travel Costs to All VA Medical Care
50	Expand Travel and Lodging Reimbursements in the VA Foreign Medical Program

51	Support Qualified Nonfamilial Caregivers
52	Support Clinically Appropriate Prosthetic Devices for Women Veterans
82	Require Federal Leaders to Use VA Health Care
83	Provide Comprehensive Outpatient Dental Care for All Service-Disabled Veterans
85	Support Comprehensive and Effective Care for Veterans With Dementia
87	Expand Eligibility for Comprehensive VA Health Care for All Korean War Veterans
88	Research and Care for Infertility in Toxic-Exposed Veterans
89	Expand and Reform VA Rural Transportation Services and Grant Programs
90	Strengthen and Modernize the State Veterans Home Program
91	Provide Free Meals or Meal Vouchers to Homeless Veterans at VA Facilities
92	Expand Hygiene and Self-Care Access for Homeless Veterans
95	Ensure Protection and Expansion of Rights to a Second Opinion
122	Recognize Tribal Communities' Mental Health Cultural Practices as Treatment
127	Support Equitable Access to VA Benefits and Services for Veterans from All Backgrounds

128	Encourage VA Voluntary Service Program Managers to Submit Nominations for DAV Volunteer of the Year
133	Expand VA Access on Weekdays and Weekends
143	Ensure Adequate Funding and Equitable Access for VA Readjustment Counseling and Vet Centers
144	Mandatory Veteran and Caregiver Communication Standards for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
171	Protect and Strengthen, and Oppose When it Threatens VA Medical Research
172	Support Appeals for VA Community Care Program Decisions
173	Expand Access and Research into Treatments for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
174	Expand CHAMPVA Eligibility for Qualifying Family Members
175	Provide Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Care for All Veterans, Regardless of Service Discharge Status
204	Improve Federal Veteran Mortality Research
213	Ensure Access to VA Facilities and Relief Areas for Service Dogs
217	Expand Research on Menopause and Reproductive Health
218	Adequately Staff Patient Advocates
219	Improve Maternity Care Coordination

220	Provide Standardized Testing for Ovarian Cancer
221	Recruit Physician Assistants in VHA
222	Fully Automate Travel Reimbursement for Service-Disabled Veterans
223	Expand Funding to Improve Services for Homeless Veterans
224	Improve Urgent and Emergency Care
225	Establish a Peer Infertility Care Coordinator Role at VA
226	Standardize and Strengthen Oversight for Service and Guide Dog Programs
227	Give Veterans Access to Track VHA Claims
228	Research Postpartum Depression
231	Oppose Means Testing for VA Health Care Eligibility
232	Support Comprehensive VA Research Into Medical Cannabis
234	Support Rights and Benefits for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans
236	Ensure Quality and Timely Access in the VHA and Veterans Community Care Programs
239	Improve Access to Risk-Based Prostate Cancer Screening for Veterans

240	Strengthen and Expand VA Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Programs, Including Services for High-Risk and Underserved Veterans
241	Expand Colon Cancer Research
246	Support Research, Prevention, Detection and Treatment of Biofilm-Associated Infections
268	Strengthen the VHA Workforce to Meet Veterans' Health Needs
269	Support Pilot Evaluation of Post-Traumatic Growth Programs
276	Support VA Research and Access to Psychedelic Therapies for PTSD and TBI
277	Integrate DOD Medical Innovations Into VA Health Care
293	Research Intergenerational Impact of Chemical Exposures
311	Provide Mental Health Services for Families of Service-Disabled Veterans
312	Ensure All Veterans Have Access to VA Health Care
317	Expand VA-DoD Health Care Resource Sharing to Improve Veterans' Access to Care
318	Improve Access to Comprehensive Health Care for Women Veterans
369	Streamline and Standardize VA Volunteer Onboarding and Certification
370	Strengthen Services and Protections for Family Caregivers of All Service Eras

380	Provide Comprehensive Health Care Services and Research for Women Veterans
386	Enhance CHAMPVA Benefits and Services
387	Expand VA Foreign Medical Program Coverage for Veterans Living Abroad
388	Automatically Transfer Veterans' Medical Records from the DOD to VA
389	Fair Review of Other-Than-Honorable Discharges
390	Streamline VA Hiring and Credentialing for Transitioning Military Health Professionals
391	Ensure Protections for Veterans in the VA Clinical Appeals Process
392	Modernize VA Health Care Infrastructure
393	Oppose Reimbursement Claims From Third Parties for Service-Connected Care
394	Enhance Access to Care for MST Survivors
395	Improve VA Substance Use Care
397	Promote Health Equity by Addressing Social Determinants of Health
398	Create a Three-Digit Number to Report Intimate Partner Violence
400	Ensure Safe, Veteran-Centered Pain Management

402	Ensure Automatic VA Health Care Enrollment at Separation
403	Expand Long-Term Services
404	Expand Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Eligibility to Include Veterans With Individual Unemployability
405	Oppose the Practice of Tablet/Pill Splitting
406	Advance Spinal Cord Injury Research and Care
428	Include Mental Health Residential Treatment in VA Total Disability Compensation Eligibility
429	Protect Health Care Access for Dual Enrolled Medically Retired Veterans
430	Expand Research and Implementation of Stellate Ganglion Block for treating PTSD
442	Support Nursing Students Volunteering in Veteran Nursing Homes
443	Allow Disabled Veterans to Use Tax-Free IRA Funds for Continuing Care Retirement Community Entrance Fees
449	Oversight of Service Dog Access in VA Medical Facilities\
465	Authorize Routine Multi-Cancers Blood Tests
468	Clear Written Communications to Veterans
502	Expand Section 1151, Negligence and Malpractice Protections for Veterans Receiving VA-Purchased Care

503	Rename the VA Mare Island Clinic in Vallejo, California, as the Delphine Metcalf-Foster VA Clinic
504	Expand VA Gerofit (Geriatrics and Extended Care Fitness) Programs
506	Strengthen VHA Care Coordination
518	Establish a Full-Service VA Hospital in New Hampshire
584	Expedite CHAMPVA Enrollment
592	Provide Scholarships for Mental Health Practitioners
594	Eliminate or Reduce VA and DOD Health Care Copayments for Service-Disabled Veterans
595	Provide Lung Cancer Screening and Prevention Guidelines for At-Risk Veterans
596	Standardize VA Care for Dual-Residency Veterans
597	Support Provider Participation in Veterans' Disability Claims
606	Expand Immersive Technology in VA Care
609	Waive Retirement Penalties to Encourage Return of Retired VA Health Professionals
612	Reform VA Community Nursing Home Eligibility Rules
643	Adequate Health Care Access for Veterans Living in Rural or Remote Areas

644	Hormone Evaluation and Treatment for Eligible Veterans
645	Expedite VA Formulary Access
646	Nationwide Implementation of VA ATLAS Telehealth Locations
675	Study Veterans' Health Risks from Plastic-Packaged Water
676	Caregiver Volunteer Service Reporting
712	Improve Awareness in VA Health Care and Benefits
713	Extend PIV Card Validity for CDCE Volunteers
714	Require Veteran Informed Consent for Prescription Medications
715	Ensure Veteran-Centered Quality in VA and Community Care
716	Strengthen Coordination of Care Between VA, Medicare and Medicaid
717	Improve VA Nursing Home Program
718	Expand VA-Provided Medical Support in State Veterans Homes
719	Enhance BTSSS Functionality and Preserve Accessible Travel Reimbursement Options
720	Protect Veterans' Benefits in State Medical Marijuana Programs

721	Provide Accessible VA Phone Support for Visually Impaired Veterans
722	Ensure Timely VA Payments for Community Care to Protect Veterans from Financial Harm
723	Ensure Full Accessibility Across VA Facilities, Programs and Information
724	Support Robust Funding for VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Programs
725	Strengthen Transportation Access for Service-Connected Veterans
726	Guarantee Priority Access to VA Health Care Service-Connected Veterans
Employment Committee	
15	Protect Veterans from Chapter 35 Overpayments
34	Expand Chapter 35 Educational Benefits for Dependents of Seriously Disabled Veterans
35	Establish Nationwide Recognition of Military Training for Civilian Credentials and Licensure
36	Strengthen Protection of Veterans' Employment Rights
37	Strengthen Employment Services for Women Veterans
39	Protect Chapter 35 Education Access for Spouses and Surviving Spouses
53	Protect VA Education Benefits During Emergency Situations
129	Strengthen and Protect Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses

135	Eliminate Barriers to Veterans' Employment, Education, Training and Access to Earned Benefits
136	Support Adequate Duration of VR&E Counseling, Placement and Postplacement Services
145	Expand Veteran Access to Employment Opportunities at VA
158	Authorize Separate Chapter 35 Entitlement for Dependents of Two 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans
166	Establish Housing Allowance Parity for Veterans in Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training Programs
177	Strengthen Payment Protections for SDVOSBs
179	Improve and Protect VA Education, Employment and Career-Readiness Benefits for Service-Disabled Veterans, Their Survivors and Dependents
181	Support Veteran Employment Through a Sustainable Technology Hiring Incentive
201	Strengthen and Preserve Work Opportunity Tax Credits and Incentives for Veteran Employment
250	Support Eliminating Time Limit for Veteran Readiness and Employment Benefits
251	Improve and Reform Federal Programs Targeting Entrepreneurship
270	Remove Time Restrictions to Transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill to Eligible Dependents
278	Establish a VA Economic Opportunity Administration
415	Improve Oversight and Delivery of the Transition Assistance Program

417	Protect the Federally Mandated Veterans Employment Mission of DVOP, LVER and CODL Staff
431	Establish Coordinated Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Service-Disabled Veterans
444	Increase Sole-Source Award Thresholds for SDVOSBs and VOSBs
510	Protect Veteran Status Against Employment Discrimination
682	Support Concurrent Dependency Compensation and Chapter 35 Education Benefits for Eligible School-Age Dependents
699	Eliminate Certification Barriers for VOSBs and SDVOSBs in Federal Technology Contracting
700	Simplify the Verification Process for the Veterans First Contracting Program
701	Reform the Small Business Administration's Loan and Benefits Process
General Resolutions	
40	Condemn Public Desecration of the Flag of the United States
41	Expand Space-Available Military Air Travel Eligibility for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans and Dependents and Caregivers
54	Improve Air Travel Accessibility and Security Screening Standards
94	Expand Access to VA Medallions in Private Cemeteries
104	Support Accounting and Repatriation of U.S. War Casualties
105	Ensure Voting Access for Service-Disabled Veterans

106	Establish a Dedicated Courthouse for Veterans Appeals Court
107	Oppose Unauthorized Human Experimentation on Service Members
111	Preserve Access To Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service For Veterans With Hearing Loss
130	Support Responsible And Transparent Use Of Artificial Intelligence Across VA Enterprise Systems
137	Support Policies That Protect and Enhance DAV's Mission Capacity
148	Strengthen Due Process Protections in VA Fugitive-Felon Determinations
198	Restore Eligibility for VA-Furnished Headstones and Markers in Private Cemeteries
212	Expand Child Care Assistance for Veterans With Dependents
253	Renew Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Cooperation
254	Expand Veterans Treatment Courts for Justice-Involved Veterans
255	Protect Citizenship and Due Process for Service-Disabled Noncitizen Veterans
257	Expand Veteran Access to Service Records Through VA.gov
271	Improve Language Access for Veterans and Their Families
273	Support Energy Assistance and Utility Protections for Medically Vulnerable Service-Disabled Veterans

284	Increase Funding for Veterans Cemetery Grants and NCA Burial Access
285	Support Federal Coordination of Green Alert Systems for Missing Veterans at Risk
361	Increase Funding for Federal and State Veterans Cemeteries
421	Support Modernizing VA Information Technology Systems
423	Authorize Weekend Burials at National Cemeteries
424	Support Transparency and Oversight of Major Changes to Veterans' Benefits and Health Care
425	Adopt Formal Terminology (Veteran) and Eliminate Informal Abbreviations (Vet)
426	Remove the Prohibition on DAV Members Who Are Federal Employees From Communicating With Federal Agencies on DAV's Behalf
445	Protect Due Process Rights Regarding National Instant Criminal Background Check System Reporting
452	Improve Reasonable Accommodations at National and Army Cemeteries
457	Improve Interagency Data Sharing to Prevent VA Pension Overpayments
514	Preserve Accurate Recognition of American Military Heritage
519	Establish Reduced Cost or No Cost Passport Eligibility for Service Disabled Veterans
624	Support Expanded Space-Available Air Travel For Severely Disabled Veterans, Their Families And Caregivers

633	Support No-Cost National Hunting and Fishing License Access for Service-Disabled Veterans
647	Support Oversight and Accountability for Veterans' Program Funds
681	Support Meaningful Accountability Measures, With Due Process, for Employees of the VA
710	Protect Veterans from Unauthorized HUD-VASH Rental Charges
711	Prioritize Scam and Fraud Protection for Veterans