




PENDING LEGISLATION


Benefits


H.R. 517: To establish a task force to evaluate the backlog of appeals to claims submitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.  [Click Here](#)


H.R. 675: Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015
To increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes. 
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H.R. 800: Express Appeals Act
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans the option of using an alternative appeals process to more quickly determine claims for disability compensation.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1292: Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act
To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1331: Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015
To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1379: To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Board of Veterans' Appeals to develop evidence in appeal cases, and for other purposes.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1414: Pay as You Rate Act
To direct the Secretary to make interim payments of disability compensation benefits for certain claims for such compensation prior to the adjudication of such claims, and for other purposes.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1594: Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act
To amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.  [Click Here](#)

H.R. 2264: To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a space-available transportation priority for veterans of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 241: Military Family Relief Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 666: Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 1493: Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015

A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

Caregiver

H.R. 1899: Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2015

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1969: Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015

To expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 2894: CARE for All Veterans Act

To expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 657: Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 1085: Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015

A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to

participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes. ✓
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Concurrent Receipt

H.R. 303: Retired Pay Restoration Act

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 333: Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 271: Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

Education and Employment

H.R. 145: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the work opportunity tax credit and to allow the transfer of such credit in the case of contracted veterans. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 341: To amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 344: To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in manufacturing positions. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 356: Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. ⊕ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 366: Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2015

To reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes. ✓

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H.R. 1581: Veterans Education Tax Security Act of 2015' or the `VETS Act of 2015

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income the discharge of certain student loans of deceased or disabled veterans. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 242: Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

Health Care

H.R. 421: Classified Veterans Access to Care Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the mental health treatment provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served in classified missions. ✓

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H.R. 444: Expanding Care for Veterans Act

To expand the research and education on and delivery of complementary and alternative medicine to veterans, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1055: Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2015

To improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations. ⊕

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H.R. 1096: Real Choice for Veterans Act

To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to clarify the distance requirements regarding the eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1170: Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act

To amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1319: Ask Veterans Act

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. ⊕ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1356: Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015

To improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 1607: Ruth Moore Act of 2015

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 398: Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act of 2015

A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 570: Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2015

A bill to improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations. ⊕ [Click Here](#)

S. 714: Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act

A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of expanding the use by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 715: Military and Veterans Mental Health Provider Assessment Act of 2015

A bill to improve the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 739: Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015

A bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes. ⊕ [Click Here](#)

S. 865: Ruth Moore Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

Homeless Veterans

H.R. 474: Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 223: A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 425: Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs. ✓ [Click Here](#)

S. 684: Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)

Miscellaneous

S. 296: Veterans Small Business Opportunity and Protection Act of 2015

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes. ✓ [Click Here](#)


Women Veterans


H.R. 1496: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the access to child care for certain veterans receiving health care at a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs. ✓ [Click Here](#)


H.R. 1575: To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces. ✓ [Click Here](#)


H.R. 1948: Veterans' Access to Child Care Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. ✓ [Click Here](#)

H.R. 2054: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans. 
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H.R. 2915: Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act
To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary.  [Click Here](#)

S. 469: Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2015
A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes. 
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S. 471: Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015
A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.  [Click Here](#)