



The **SERVICE Act** includes legislation from dozens of Democratic lawmakers. The comprehensive bill will create real and lasting accountability at the VA; expand access to and improve the quality of a health care system specifically designed for veterans; modernize the disability claims appeals process; improve the transition from military service to civilian life through better jobs, education, training, and housing resources; reduce veteran homelessness; and ensure the VA has the facilities it needs to properly serve veterans.

### **Democratic Legislation Included in the SERVICE Act**

#### **Accountability and Operations**

- Amendment to HR 5620, to expand protections for whistleblowers and create an independent VA Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (Rep. Kirkpatrick)
- Amendment to HR 5620, to allow for the expedited removal and suspension without pay of VA employees based on misconduct that threatens the health or safety of veterans, while maintaining Constitutional due process (Rep. Takano)
- Amendment to HR 5620, to allow the VA to recoup bonuses and/or relocation expenses in cases of fraud, waste, or malfeasance (Rep. Takano)
- HR 216, the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act (Rep. Brown)
- HR 658, the VA Regional Office Accountability Act (Rep. Meng)

#### **Health Care**

- HR 1948, the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act (Rep. Brownley)
- Amendment to H.R. 4087, to expand IVF and adoption benefits for disabled veterans (Rep. Brownley)
- HR 5842, the Helping Our Veterans with Chronic Pain and Opioid Addiction Act (Rep. Kuster)
- H.R. 5162, the Vet Connect Act of 2016 (Rep. O'Rourke)
- H.R. 5501, the Get Vets a Doc Now Act (Rep. O'Rourke)
- HR 2237, the Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act (Rep. Esty)
- HR 1607, the Ruth Moore Act (Rep. Pingree)
- HR 3951, to establish an Office of Health Care Quality within the Veterans Health Administration (Rep. Bera)
- HR 218, the CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act (Rep. Brown)
- HR 3755, to extend the VA GME residency expansion and exempt them from Medicare caps (Rep. Titus)
- S. 2633, the Improving Veterans Access to Care in the Community Act (Sen. Tester)
  - Title II – Provider Agreements
  - Sec. 102 – Expansion of coverage for emergency and urgent care
- H.R. 1969, the Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act Caregiver language (Rep. Langevin)

## **Disability Compensation and Pension**

- HR 5083, the VA Appeals Modernization Act of 2016 (Rep. Titus)
- HR 2691, the Veterans' Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act (Rep. Ruiz)
- HR 732, the Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act (Rep. Ruiz)
- HR 3423, the Agent Orange Extension Act (Rep. Tim Walz)
- HR 1598, the Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act (Rep. Titus)
- HR 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act (Rep. Bishop)

## **Education**

- S. 2253, the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Education Relief and Restoration Act of 2015 (Sen. Blumenthal, companion to Rep. Takano's HR 3991)  
\*\*\*\* Include a section grandfathering veterans whose schools lose eligibility because of a change in VA regulations.
- Sec. 403 of S. 2921, the Veterans First Act - Consideration of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for certain time on active duty in reserve components of Armed Forces.  
\*\*\*\*Includes HR 1141, the GI Bill Fairness Act (Rep. Takano)
- HR 5175, the GI Bill Oversight Act (Rep. Takano)
- HR 2360, the Career-Ready Student Veterans' Act (Rep. Takano)
- HR 2361, the Work-Study for Student Veterans Act (Rep. Takano)
- HR 3974, the Grow Our Own Directive (Rep. Kuster)
- HR 3988, the Military and Veterans Education Protection Act (Rep. Speier)
- HR 1399, the Veteran Education Empowerment Act (Rep. Frankel)
- HR 456, the Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act (Rep. Murphy)
- HR 3419, the Support for Student Veterans with Families Act (Rep. Titus)

## **Housing and Homelessness**

- HR 627, the VA Services Available to Homeless Vets Fleeing Domestic Violence (Rep. Hahn)
- HR 251, the Homes for Heroes Act (Rep. Al Green)
- HR 3970, the Housing Our Heroes Act (Rep. Israel) \*\*\*modified language

## **Employment and Transition**

- HR 1382, the BRAVE Act (Rep. Rice)
- HR 1227 – the Work for Warriors Act (Rep. Takano)
- HR 1313, the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act (Rep. McNerney)
- HR 344, the Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act (Rep. DelBene)
- HR 2221, the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act (Rep. Duckworth)

## **Other Matters**

- HR 1384, the Honor America's Guard and Reserve Act (Rep. Walz)
- HR 5695, the Veterans Visa and Protection Act (Rep. Grijalva)
- HR 3068, the Restore Honor to Service Members Act (Rep. Pocan)
- HR 483, the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act (Rep. Takai)
- HR 2766, the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act (Rep. Speier)
- HR 2327, the Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act (Rep. Costa)
- HR 2914, the Build a Better VA Act (Rep. Brownley)
- HR 4129, the Jumpstart VA Construction Act (Rep. McNerney)
- HR 5099, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the VA (Rep. Ashford) \*\*\*\*modified language
- HR 3484, the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act (Rep. Lieu)