

## HR 3492

Veterans' Right to an Attorney Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Nov 17, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits. (Jan 6, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/3492>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

| Cosponsor                                  | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--|---------------|------|--------------|
| Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large] | D · VI        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]                  | R · IN        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]               | R · NJ        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Hoekstra, Peter [R-MI-2]              | R · MI        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]                  | R · IA        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]         | R · IL        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]          | R · NC        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]            | R · PA        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]              | R · IN        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]                  | R · SC        |      | Nov 17, 2003 |
| Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]                 | R · FL        |      | Nov 18, 2003 |
| Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]         | R · CO        |      | Jan 20, 2004 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to | Jan 6, 2004 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 17, 2003)

---

Veterans' Right to an Attorney Act of 2003 - Repeals Federal provisions: (1) prohibiting a fee from being charged, allowed, or paid for attorneys' services with respect to veterans' benefits claims at any time before the date on which the Board of Veterans' Appeals first makes a final decision in the case; and (2) allowing such a fee agreement only in cases arising with respect to veterans' housing and small business loans. (Such repeals in effect allow veterans to pay fees for attorney services during any stage of the claims process.)

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Jan 6, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

# LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

## Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

[legilist.com](https://legilist.com)

## Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

[legilist.com/learn](https://legilist.com/learn)

## Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

[legilist.com/api](https://legilist.com/api)

Public data belongs to the public. — [legilist.com](https://legilist.com)