

## HR 5549

Veterans' Choice of Representation Act of 2006

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 7, 2006

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jun 7, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/5549>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Sep 13, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 7, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2694	Related bill	<b>Sep 21, 2006:</b> Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jun 7, 2006)

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Veterans' Choice of Representation Act of 2006 - Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe: (1) qualifications and standards of conduct for agents and attorneys acting on behalf of veterans in claim proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs; and (2) restrictions on fees collected for such services.

Adds to the list of reasons for which agents and attorneys may be suspended, including: (1) failure to conduct themselves with due regard for the non-adversarial nature of any proceeding; and (2) presenting frivolous claims, issues, or arguments.

Repeals the current time period limitation for the hiring or paying of an agent or attorney. Revises the time period during which attorney fee agreements may be filed with the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Allows the Secretary to review such an agreement, and order a fee reduction if the Secretary finds the fee excessive or unreasonable.

## Actions Timeline

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