

## HR 1402

### VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 25, 2013

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 113-59.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 113-59. (Dec 20, 2013)

**Law:** 113-59 (Enacted Dec 20, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/1402>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2013
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 15, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 25, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 695	Identical bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on December 10, 2013. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2013 - (Sec. 4) Extends through FY2015 the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for: (1) payment by the VA Secretary of a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans (veterans) and members of the Armed Forces (members) training or competing for the U.S. Paralympic Team, and (2) a program for establishing and carrying out related programs and events.

(Sec. 5) Allows any entity with significant experience in managing large-scale adaptive sports programs (under current law, only the United States Olympic Committee) to receive VA grants for planning, developing, managing, and implementing programs to provide adaptive sports opportunities for veterans and members. Extends funding assistance to include any such opportunities occurring during FY2010-FY2016. Requires a report from the Comptroller General on the use of such funds during the first program year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 6) Extends through 2014: (1) VA authority to transport individuals to and from VA facilities in connection with vocational rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, or care; (2) VA authority to operate a regional office in the Republic of the Philippines; (3) the VA requirement to provide nursing home care to any veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 70% or more and in need of such care; (4) VA authority to provide treatment, rehabilitation, and related services for seriously mentally ill and homeless veterans; (5) VA authority to provide expanded services and housing assistance to homeless veterans; (6) the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; (7) the Veterans' Advisory Commission on Education; and (8) the temporary authority for the performance of VA medical disability examinations by contract physicians.

(Sec. 13) Extends through FY2014 VA requirements resulting from default on VA-guaranteed loans.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 20, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 113-59.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 18, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8964)
- **Dec 18, 2013:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8964)
- **Dec 11, 2013:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 10, 2013:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. (consideration: CR H7615)
- **Dec 10, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7614-7617)
- **Dec 10, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1402.
- **Dec 10, 2013:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 10, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7618-7619)
- **Dec 10, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 353 - 0 (Roll no. 631).(text: CR H7615-7616)
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- **Dec 10, 2013:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 10, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 2, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Mar 25, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.