

HR 2835

Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]

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

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| Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10] | R · VA | | Jun 19, 2015 |
| Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10] | R · MI | | Jun 24, 2015 |
| Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2] | R · NY | | Jun 25, 2015 |
| Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24] | R · NY | | Jul 7, 2015 |
| Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2] | D · NE | | Jul 13, 2015 |
| Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19] | R · FL | | Jul 13, 2015 |
| Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22] | R · TX | | Jul 15, 2015 |
| Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11] | R · PA | | Jul 23, 2015 |
| Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19] | R · NY | | Sep 28, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 13, 2015 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 29, 2015 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 1603 | Related bill | Sep 21, 2015: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill. |

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 28, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015

(Sec. 3) Directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to consider the expedited hiring of qualified candidates who have the ability to perform the essential functions of the position of a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer and who are eligible for a veterans recruitment appointment.

(Sec. 4) Requires DHS to enhance DHS efforts to recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as CBP officers. Requires such enhanced recruiting efforts to:

- include CBP officer opportunities in relevant job assistance efforts under the Transition Assistance Program;
- place CBP officials or other relevant DHS officials at recruiting events and jobs fairs involving separating members of the Armed Forces;
- provide opportunities for local CBP field offices to partner with military bases in the region;
- include outreach efforts to educate members of the Armed Forces with qualifications that are transferable to CBP officer requirements;
- identify shared activities and opportunities for reciprocity related to steps in hiring CBP officers with the goal of minimizing the time required to hire qualified applicants;
- ensure the streamlined interagency transfer of relevant background investigations and security clearances; and
- include other elements to ensure that separating members of the Armed Forces are aware of opportunities to fill vacant CBP officer positions.

(Sec. 5) Directs DHS to report to Congress on DHS efforts to hire members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service as CBP officers.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 16, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-68.
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7065-7067)
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7065-7067)
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2015:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Ms. McSally moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6285-6287)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2835.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** 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.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6290-6291)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** 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): 410 - 0 (Roll no. 519).(text: CR H6285)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 410 - 0 (Roll no. 519). (text: CR H6285)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jun 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.