HR 3989

Support Our Military Caregivers Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		May 10, 2016
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 17, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 29, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2016)

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(Sec. 2) This bill permits an individual to elect to have an independent contractor perform an external clinical review of any of the following:

- a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denial of an individual's application to be a caregiver or family caregiver eligible for VA benefits;
- with respect to an approved application, a VA determination of the level or amount of personal care services that a veteran requires;
- a request by a caregiver or family caregiver for a reconsideration of the level or amount of personal care services that a veteran requires based on post-application changes; and
- a revocation of benefits by the VA.

The VA shall ensure that each external clinical review is completed and the individual is notified in writing of the results within 120 days of the election.

(Sec. 3) The VA shall issue policy, procedural, and operational directives for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers and the program of general caregiver support services, including with respect to eligibility. The Government Accountability Office must report on VA processes for making and adjudicating eligibility determinations.

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to revise the limits on the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses payable to VA employees in each of FY2017-FY2021.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 23, 2016:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2914-2916)
- **May 23, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3989.
- **May 23, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2914-2915)
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- **May 23, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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