

## HR 4683

Fairness for Veterans Act of 2016

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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 7, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2016
Financial Services Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 13, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1567	Related bill	<b>Jun 11, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Summary (as of Mar 3, 2016)

### Fairness for Veterans Act of 2016

This bill addresses medical evidence reviews in the case of: (1) a former member of the Armed Forces who was deployed in a contingency operation and subsequently diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury as a consequence of such deployment, or (2) a former member whose application for relief from the terms of his or her military discharge is based in whole or in part on matters relating to post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury related to combat or military sexual trauma.

Any board of review shall:

- review medical evidence of the Department of Veterans Affairs or a civilian health care provider presented by the former member, and
- review the case with a rebuttable presumption in favor of the former member that post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury materially contributed to the circumstances resulting in the discharge of a lesser characterization.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 3, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
- **May 13, 2015:** Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises Prior to Introduction and Referral.