

HR 4683

Fairness for Veterans Act of 2016

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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		May 23, 2016
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 14, 2016
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Nov 15, 2016

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	Jun 11, 2015: 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.