

HR 5588

Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 114-197. (Jul 22, 2016)

Law: 114-197 (Enacted Jul 22, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jul 11, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 5, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4782	Related bill	Sep 12, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.
114 S 3032	Related bill	Jun 29, 2016: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-707.
114 S 2851	Related bill	Apr 26, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
114 HR 677	Related bill	Feb 10, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
114 S 1493	Related bill	Oct 26, 2015: Held at the desk.
114 HR 675	Related bill	Jul 29, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase, as of December 1, 2016, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

Each such increase shall be the same percentage as the increase in benefits provided under title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance [OASDI]) of the Social Security Act, on the same effective date.

(Sec. 3) The VA shall publish such increased amounts in the Federal Register not later than the date on which certain OASDI cost-of-living increases are required to be published during FY2017.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 22, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-197.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5058)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5058)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Mr. Abraham moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4600-4601)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5588.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4600)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4600)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jun 28, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 28, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.