

## HR 2421

Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 11, 2017)

### Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act

This bill amends the definition of "spouse" for purposes of veterans' benefits to require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to recognize a marriage based on the law of the state where the marriage occurred.

When a marriage occurs outside a state, the VA shall recognize it if the marriage is lawful in the place where it occurs and could have been entered into under the laws of any state.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **May 11, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.