

## HR 2891

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida for benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 13, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Jun 13, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jun 13, 2017)

This bill states that the effective date for an award of Department of Veterans Affairs benefits for a child of a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from spina bifida is the date of the child's birth.

This amendment shall be effective as if included in the Agent Orange Benefits Act.

(Under current law the effective date for the provision of such benefits is January, 1, 1997 [but not before receipt of the application for benefits]. This bill thus provides "retroactive" benefits eligibility for children born before January 1, 1997.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.