

## HR 3656

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Aug 18, 2017

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-136.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-136. (Mar 16, 2018)

**Law:** 115-136 (Enacted Mar 16, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3656>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large] | R · AS        |      | Oct 24, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                   | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Sep 13, 2017 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Discharged From            | Mar 1, 2018  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 115 S 2247 | Related bill | Dec 19, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

### Summary (as of Mar 16, 2018)

(Sec. 1) This bill expands eligibility for memorial headstones and markers provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain family members of veterans. Eligibility for dependent children and remarried spouses whose remains are unavailable is expanded to include all those who die on or after November 11, 1998.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 16, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 16, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-136.
- **Mar 6, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 1, 2018:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1320-1321)
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- **Mar 1, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Nov 7, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-387.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 284.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8507)
- **Nov 6, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3656.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8507)
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- **Nov 6, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 13, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 18, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 18, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Aug 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.