

HR 3705

Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Sep 7, 2017

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 9, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 1, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Nov 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 9, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2884	Related bill	May 17, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on November 7, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to collaborate with veterans service organizations to write a standard letter to be provided to individuals who owe debts to the VA. Such letter shall be written in plain language and shall include a notice of the debt and a clear explanation of: (1) why the individual owes such money, and (2) available options.

The VA shall develop a method by which individuals may elect to receive debt notification letters by electronic means and shall ensure that the letter is delivered: (1) by both standard mail and electronic means to individuals who have made such election, and (2) only by standard mail to individuals who have not made such election.

The VA shall: (1) notify Congress regarding the completion of such letter, and (2) study and report to Congress on the process by which it notifies veterans of debt collection efforts.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8643)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 0 (Roll no. 621).(text: 11/7/2017 CR H8561)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 0 (Roll no. 621). (text: 11/7/2017 CR H8561)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-397.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 293.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8561-8562)
- **Nov 7, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3705.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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