

HR 4339

Veterans' Agricultural Apprenticeship Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (Dec 5, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

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| Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24] | D · CA | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13] | R · IL | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16] | R · IL | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5] | D · FL | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4] | R · MI | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15] | R · IL | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16] | D · CA | | Nov 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9] | D · FL | | Nov 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7] | R · WI | | Nov 28, 2017 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Dec 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15] | R · OH | | Aug 3, 2018 |
| Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6] | D · MD | | Nov 14, 2018 |
| Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3] | D · WI | | Nov 29, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 5, 2017 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Nov 9, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 9, 2017)

Veterans' Agricultural Apprenticeship Act of 2017

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program to make direct loans to farmers and ranchers who will provide mentorship and apprenticeship opportunities for veterans to learn the skills necessary to become successful farmers or ranchers.

USDA must carry out the program through agreements with state departments of agriculture that will: select veterans to participate in the program, secure established farmers and ranchers to provide the mentorship and apprenticeship opportunities, and make and administer direct loans to support the resulting mentorship and apprenticeship.

The loans must be made without interest and may not exceed a term of one year.

Of the amounts appropriated for FY2019-FY2023 for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA must use \$1 million for each of the fiscal years for the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.