

## HR 7288

### Veterans' Right to Breathe Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Dec 12, 2018)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Dec 12, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 12, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Dec 12, 2018)

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This bill provides a presumption of service connection for certain diseases for burn pit-exposed veterans. Under a presumption of service connection, specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded. A burn pit-exposed veteran is a veteran who was stationed at a location where an open burn pit (an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment) was used while deployed on or after September 11, 2001.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 12, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.