

## HR 974

### BRAVE Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 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. (Feb 14, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/974>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]      | R · CA        |      | Feb 9, 2017  |
| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]   | D · CA        |      | Feb 9, 2017  |
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3] | D · CA        |      | Feb 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]   | D · WA        |      | Feb 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]  | D · NH        |      | Feb 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]    | R · KS        |      | Feb 13, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 7, 2017  |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 14, 2017 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| 115 S 369 | Identical bill | <b>Feb 14, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act or the BRAVE Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give preference to offerors based on the percentage of the offeror's full-time employees who are veterans.

The VA is authorized to debar from VA contracting for at least five years any offeror determined to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented the veteran status of its employees. Such debarment shall include the debarment of all principals in the offeror for at least five years.

The VA shall: (1) commence debarment actions within 30 days after determining that the offeror misrepresented such veteran status, and (2) complete debarment actions within 90 days after such determination.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 14, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1111-1112)
- **Feb 13, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 974.
- **Feb 13, 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.
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1114-1115)
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll no. 87).(text: CR H1111)
- **Feb 13, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll no. 87). (text: CR H1111)
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Feb 7, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.