

HR 1030

Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act

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Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 1, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		May 3, 2019
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Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 22, 2019

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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2019)

Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act

This bill amends the definition of *spouse* for purposes of veterans' benefits to require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to recognize a marriage based on the law of the state where the marriage occurred.

When a marriage occurs outside a state, the VA shall recognize it if the marriage is lawful in the place where it occurs and could have been entered into under the laws of any state.

The bill also amends the definitions of *spouse* and *surviving spouse* to remove the requirement that the spouse be of the opposite sex.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
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