

HR 1812

Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 20, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands eligibility for readjustment counseling and related mental health services through Vet Centers to certain members of the Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves. Specifically, eligibility is expanded to include (1) members of the Coast Guard who participated in a drug interdiction operation; and (2) members of the National Guard or Reservists who were activated due to a national emergency or major disaster declared by the President, or responded to a disaster or civil disorder in a state. Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide social and psychological services to eligible veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

The bill also requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a plan to provide Vet Center services to veterans living in geographic areas where no Vet Center is located.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 20, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-176.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5881)
- **Sep 17, 2020:** AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE ENGROSSMENT - Mr. Cunningham asked for unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to produce a duplicate engrossment of H.R. 1812. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 22, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **May 21, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 21, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4034-4035)
- **May 21, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1812.
- **May 21, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4034)
- **May 21, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4034)
- **May 21, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 116-75.
- **May 20, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 51.
- **May 8, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 18, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.