

S 2073

A bill to address fees erroneously collected by Department of Veterans Affairs for housing loans, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 10, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 16, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit a plan to identify individuals who were erroneously charged a fee between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2017, in relation to VA-backed home loans. Specifically, the bill focuses on veterans who are rated as eligible for disability compensation and are supposed to have such home loan fees waived by the VA. The VA must also submit a plan to identify individuals who were erroneously charged a fee prior to January 1, 2012. Both plans must include the number of individuals who may be due a refund and a time line for refunding the fees.

The bill also requires the VA to

- develop an automated process for refunding fees,
- update policies to ensure certificates of eligibility are accurate for determining eligibility under the VA home loan guaranty program and the exemption from the collection of fees,
- develop a process for determining whether a fee has been collected from an individual with a waiver (due to service-connected death or disability), and
- develop a plan for annual audits to determine the rate at which fees are erroneously collected from individuals with waivers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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