

## S 2216

### TEAM Veteran Caregivers Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jul 23, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-278.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-278. (Dec 31, 2020)

**Law:** 116-278 (Enacted Dec 31, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2216>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 10, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 16, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 23, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 6, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 6, 2019
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 12, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 3, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 9, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 24, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 15, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6571	Related bill	<b>Sep 30, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Dec 31, 2020)

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#### **Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures for Veteran Caregivers Act or the TEAM Veteran Caregivers Act**

The bill revises the administration of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) caregiver programs. Specifically, the bill requires the VA to report on the feasibility and advisability of formally recognizing caregivers of veterans by identifying them in the veteran's electronic health record. Such caregivers covered by the bill include those approved as a provider of personal care services under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers and those participating in the Program of General Caregiver Support Services. If the VA determines that formally recognizing caregivers is feasible and advisable, it must implement recognition.

The bill requires the VA to use standardized letters to notify veterans, their caregivers, and applicants for the program regarding decisions affecting the furnishing of assistance under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. Such notifications must contain specified details regarding the decision.

The bill also authorizes the VA to extend benefits for a 90-day period under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, including the monthly personal caregiver stipend, after determining that a veteran is no longer eligible for the program solely because of improvement in their condition. The effective date of discharge from the program shall not be earlier than 60 days after the date on which the VA provides notice of the lack of eligibility.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 31, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 31, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-278.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7211-7213)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2216.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** 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.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7224-7225)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** 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): 380 - 0 (Roll no. 244).(text: CR H7211)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 380 - 0 (Roll no. 244). (text: CR H7211)
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7044-7045)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S7044)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7044-7045)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7044-7045)
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 540.
- **Aug 5, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.