

HR 2655

Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]

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

Cosponsors (60 total)

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Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		May 9, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		May 9, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 15, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Nov 19, 2019
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Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Nov 19, 2019
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Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Nov 19, 2019
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Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Nov 21, 2019

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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Dec 3, 2019
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Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Dec 3, 2019
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Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2019
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Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jan 16, 2020
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		May 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

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This bill increases the monthly income limit that is used to determine whether certain Purple Heart recipients are eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. Specifically, when making such determinations with respect to Purple Heart recipients who are entitled to SSDI benefits based on combat-related injuries, the Social Security Administration must use the limit that applies to individuals who are blind rather than the lower limit that applies to other SSDI recipients.

In addition, the bill phases out SSDI benefits for these Purple Heart recipients, with benefits reduced by \$1 for every \$4 of earnings in excess of the limit.

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
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