

HR 3504

Ryan Kules and Paul Benne Specially Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jun 26, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 8, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3640	Related bill	Jul 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 S 2265	Related bill	Jul 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 3535	Related bill	Jul 16, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 S 2022	Related bill	Jun 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 2934	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 S 1283	Related bill	May 2, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill revises the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Specially Adapted Housing Program and updates provisions related to educational assistance and the work-study allowance for veterans.

The Specially Adapted Housing Program provides grants to veterans and service members with certain service-connected disabilities to assist with constructing, purchasing, or remodeling homes to fit their needs. The program is comprised of two grants (1) the Specially Adapted Housing grant (for acquisition of housing with special features), and (2) the Special Housing Adaptation grant (for adaptations to a veteran's residence).

Specifically, the bill updates the eligibility for the program by including veterans with certain visual impairments and requiring those with the loss or loss of use of a lower extremity to meet other qualifications.

The bill raises the cap on grants that may be issued per veteran from three to six and raises the number of applications that may be approved for the Specially Adapted Housing grant from 30 to 120. The bill increases the maximum amount of assistance available under the Special Housing Adaptation grant program and also increases the aggregate amount of assistance available under both grant programs.

The bill also authorizes certain veterans to apply for additional assistance under both grants, subject to specified limitations.

Under the bill, individuals who are entitled to educational assistance through the Post-9/11 GI Bill are also entitled to payment for a covered preparatory course for licensure, certification, or national tests.

The bill updates provisions related to the work-study allowance benefit available to eligible veterans, including by prescribing the annual amount the VA must provide to educational institutions for the program.

Finally, the bill modifies the loan fee table under the VA's home loan guaranty program.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 8, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 8, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-154.
- **Jul 28, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Mr. Takano asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill, H.R. 3504, and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H3111-3113)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H3111-3113)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2158)
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7207-7211)
- **Jul 23, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3504.
- **Jul 23, 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 H7207-7209)
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- **Jul 23, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 116-164.
- **Jul 22, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 124.
- **Jul 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.