

HR 3598

FREED Vets Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (69 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Aug 9, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Oct 21, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Oct 30, 2019

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Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Dec 9, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2020
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 21, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 21, 2020
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 2, 2020
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 9, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2019
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2049	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4678)

Federally Requiring Earned Education-debt Discharges for Vets Act or the FREED Vets Act

This bill requires the Department of Education (ED), after providing specified notice, to automatically discharge loans under the Federal Family Education Loan program for certain borrowers who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Specifically, ED must

- notify a veteran borrower whom the Department of Veterans Affairs has assigned a rating of total disability for a service-connected disability, or who has been determined to be unemployable due to a service-connected condition, of ED's intent to discharge the borrower's loans;
- provide the borrower with a period of 60 days to opt out of such loan discharge; and
- discharge the veteran borrower's loans if the borrower does not opt out of such loan discharge within 60 days.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Mrs. Lee (NV) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1575-1577)
- **Mar 10, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3598.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1575-1576)
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.