

HR 4771

VA Tele-Hearing Modernization Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 116-137 (Enacted Apr 10, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Oct 21, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 8, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 26, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2020)

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This bill authorizes appellants in cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals to appear at a hearing by picture and voice transmission (e.g., Skype) from locations other than Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. The bill requires the VA to report specified statistics and information related to hearings held by picture and voice transmission.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 10, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 10, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-137.
- **Apr 3, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Mar 26, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8753-8755)
- **Nov 12, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4771.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H8753-8754)
- **Nov 12, 2019:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.