

## HR 4920

### Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Oct 30, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-155.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-155. (Aug 8, 2020)

**Law:** 116-155 (Enacted Aug 8, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4920>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

#### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Dec 6, 2019

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Dec 5, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 12, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.

### Summary (as of Aug 8, 2020)

#### Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act of 2020

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to give preference to nonprofit firms that employ the blind and significantly disabled when contracting for covered products and services that are included on the procurement list maintained by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission. The commission provides employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.

The bill provides an exemption in certain situations for covered products or services for which contracts were awarded after December 22, 2006, and were in effect on the day before the enactment date of this bill.

A covered product or service is one that was included on the commission's procurement list on or before December 22, 2006, or a product or service that (1) is a replacement for a product or service on the commission's procurement list, (2) is essentially the same and meets the same requirements as the product or service being replaced, and (3) meets the VA's quality standards and delivery schedule.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 8, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 8, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-155.
- **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. 4920, and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H3110-3111)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text: CR H3110)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H3110)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 16, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1746)
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S1746)
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S1746)
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10270-10271)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4920.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10270)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10270)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Discharged.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.