

HR 566

Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 15, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Feb 1, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/566>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]

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

Cosponsors (43 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Aug 27, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 332	Related bill	Sep 15, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 535.

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2019)

Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act

This bill expands eligibility for a presumption of service-connection for veterans exposed to certain herbicide agents (e.g., Agent Orange) during military service in Vietnam. Specifically, the bill removes the manifestation period required for the presumption of service-connection for chloracne and porphyria cutanea tarda.

Additionally, the bill provides statutory authority for a presumption of service-connection for certain cases of acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy without a manifestation period.

Under a presumption of service-connection, specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.