

## HR 5739

Blast Exposure Protection Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2020

**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 7, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5739>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]

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

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jan 30, 2020
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2020
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 5, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 5, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 12, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 7, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

---

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 30, 2020)

---

### Blast Exposure Protection Act of 2020

This bill establishes a Department of Veterans Affairs presumption of service-connection for a veteran's injury or illness associated with a blast exposure during active military, naval, or air service in spite of there being no record of the injury or illness during a period of service. Under a presumption of service-connection, specific diseases or 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 7, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.