

## HR 6590

To defer action regarding certain debts arising from benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a period of time including the COVID-19 emergency period.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. (Sep 30, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 3887	Related bill	Jun 3, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

This bill defers certain debts arising from benefits under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) during the covered period, which is the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency period plus the 60 days following the end of such period.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the VA from doing the following during the covered period:

- collecting or recording certain debts,
- issuing notice of certain debts to a person or consumer reporting agency,
- allowing any interest to accrue on certain debts, or
- applying any administrative fee to certain debts.

The VA may collect a payment from a person who elects to make such payment during the covered period.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.