

## HR 7600

To expand the scope of the Department of Veterans Affairs open burn pit registry.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 13, 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. (Sep 8, 2020)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6395	Related bill	<b>Jan 2, 2021:</b> Message on Senate action sent to the House.

### Summary (as of Jul 13, 2020)

This bill expands the scope of the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry of the Department of Veterans Affairs by including burn pits located in Egypt and Syria under the definition of *open burn pits*. The registry allows certain veterans and service members to document their exposures and report health concerns related to exposure to toxic airborne chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits (areas used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment) while serving in certain locations.

### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 8, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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