

HR 7728

COVID–19 Benefits for Active Duty Servicemembers, the Reserve Components, and their Survivors Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 22, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4320	Related bill	Jul 27, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
116 S 4287	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill establishes, for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, a presumption of service-connection if COVID-19 symptoms manifest within a specified time period in individuals serving in the military or reserves during qualified periods of duty (i.e., active duty, training duty, or full-time National Guard duty). For individuals who become disabled or die as a result of COVID-19, it shall be presumed the individual became disabled or died during a qualified period of duty.

An individual who was disabled or died due to COVID-19 and was on training duty or full-time National Guard duty shall be furnished death or disability benefits as if the individual were a veteran, without regard to whether such individual's duty period would constitute active military service.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.