

HR 7795

Veterans Benefits Fairness and Transparency Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jul 27, 2020

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 23, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7795>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2] | D · VA | | Jul 27, 2020 |
| Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1] | R · TN | | Jul 27, 2020 |
| Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2] | D · MD | | Jul 29, 2020 |
| Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2] | R · IN | | Jul 30, 2020 |
| Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1] | R · NE | | Aug 14, 2020 |
| Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4] | D · NV | | Aug 14, 2020 |
| Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3] | D · MN | | Sep 11, 2020 |
| Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5] | D · NJ | | Sep 22, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 16, 2020 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Sep 23, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 116 HR 7952 | Related bill | Oct 6, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 116 S 4412 | Identical bill | Aug 4, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

Veterans Benefits Fairness and Transparency Act of 2020

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to publish on its website the disability benefit questionnaire forms for non-VA medical providers submitting evidence regarding a disability of a claimant for purposes of VA benefits.

If the VA updates the questionnaire form, previous versions of the form filed by claimants must be accepted for up to one year after the form was updated.

The VA may waive interagency approval processes required to approve a modification to a form if such requirement applies by reason of the form being made public on the website as required by the bill.

The Inspector General of the VA must, through 2026, annually report on the use of such forms.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 23, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4685-4687)
- **Sep 22, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7795.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4685)
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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