

## HR 8541

To help ensure that COVID-19 does not prevent disabled veterans from using the medical treatment leave to which such veterans are entitled, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. (Oct 6, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Oct 20, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 6, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

This bill allows certain veterans who are federal employees to retain disabled veteran leave for a longer period of time, and restores leave that was forfeited due to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Currently, veterans may use specific medical leave for purposes of receiving treatment for service-connected disabilities during the first 12 months of federal employment; unused leave must be forfeited after this period.

The bill allows veterans whose first day of federal employment is between March 1, 2019, and June 1, 2021, to use such medical leave during the first 24 months of their employment. The bill also restores forfeited leave to these veterans if treatment was unavailable at a Veterans Affairs medical provider due to COVID-19; restored leave must be used within 12 months of initial forfeiture.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 6, 2020:** Introduced in House
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