

HR 1317

Vieques Recovery and Redevelopment Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 30, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1126	Related bill	Jun 30, 2021: Committee Hearings Held.
117 S 405	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill provides a framework to compensate certain residents of the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, for the use of such island for military readiness. The bill sets forth provisions regarding award amounts for individuals and for claims by the municipality of Vieques.

An individual claimant who has resided on the island of Vieques for not less than five years shall be awarded monetary compensation if the claimant contracted a chronic or life threatening case of cancer, hypertension, cirrhosis, kidney disease, diabetes, or heavy metal poisoning during or after the government used the island for military readiness.

The bill limits total amounts awarded to \$1 billion and bars claims not filed within 15 years of enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2021:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.