

## HR 1355

K2 Veterans Care Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Feb 25, 2021)

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

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Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 25, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 25, 2021
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Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Feb 25, 2021
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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 25, 2021

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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 25, 2021
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Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
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Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 12, 2021
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Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jun 24, 2021
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 454	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

### Summary (as of Feb 25, 2021)

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#### K2 Veterans Care Act of 2021

This bill establishes a presumption of service-connection for certain diseases becoming manifest in a veteran who served on active duty at Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base in Uzbekistan between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2005. Specifically, there must be a presumption of service-connection for veterans who manifest illnesses that have a positive association with exposure to jet fuel, volatile organic compounds, high levels of particulate matter, depleted uranium, asbestos, or lead-based paint, as determined by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). Under a presumption of service-connection, specific conditions diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Veterans who served at K2 Air Base during the specified period are eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for an illness that has been determined by NASEM to have a positive association with exposure to jet fuel, volatile organic compounds, high levels of particulate matter, depleted uranium, asbestos, or lead-based paint.

### Actions Timeline

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