

## HR 2371

Veterans' Right to Breathe Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		May 13, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans' Right to Breathe Act**

This bill provides a presumption of service-connection to burn pit-exposed veterans for certain diseases. 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. A burn pit-exposed veteran is a veteran who was supporting a contingency operation on or after January 1, 1990, and was stationed at a location where an open burn pit (an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment) was used.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 5, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.