

S 2513

Brian Neuman Department of Veterans Affairs Clothing Allowance Improvement Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 27, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 17, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 21, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Dec 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Dec 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4772	Related bill	Dec 5, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill modifies the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) clothing allowance policy for veterans who, due to a service-connected disability, wear a prosthetic, use an orthopedic appliance (e.g., a wheelchair), or use a prescription skin medication that the VA determines causes irreparable damage to clothing.

The bill requires the VA to continue the clothing allowance for such a veteran on an annual basis until the veteran elects to no longer receive the allowance, or the VA determines the veteran is no longer eligible for the allowance, whichever occurs first.

The bill sets forth a procedure by which the VA must conduct reviews of clothing allowance claims to determine the continued eligibility of veterans. Specifically, the VA must conduct a review (1) five years after the date on which a veteran initially receives a clothing allowance and periodically thereafter, and (2) whenever the VA receives notice that the veteran no longer meets eligibility requirements. If a veteran is eligible for a clothing allowance based on a circumstance that is not subject to change, the VA does not need to review whether the veteran has continued eligibility.

If the VA determines, as the result of a review of a claim, that a veteran no longer meets the eligibility requirements for a clothing allowance, the VA must provide notice of the determination and discontinue the clothing allowance. The notice must include a description of applicable actions that may be taken following the determination (e.g., filing a notice of disagreement).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5144)