

HR 2601

SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 15, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Jul 14, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2601>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 11, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 13, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 30, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Nov 18, 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

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1188	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act

This bill implements reporting requirements and policies related to the treatment and documentation of veterans who have been exposed to open burn pits. A burn pit is an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment.

First, the bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit quarterly reports on veterans' burn pit exposure

The bill also requires the VA to collaborate with the Department of Defense to submit an annual report detailing specified information about veterans who have been exposed to open burn pits, such as the number of claims for disability compensation approved and denied (including the rationale for denials).

The bill authorizes the survivor of a deceased veteran to report a veteran's exposure to toxic substances from an open burn pit in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, even if the veteran was not included prior to their death.

VA medical professionals must inform veterans of the registry if they present at a medical facility for treatment related to exposure to toxic chemicals by open burn pits.

Finally, the Government Accountability Office must report on the effectiveness of any memorandum of understanding entered into by the VA with respect to the processing of reported cases of burn pit exposure and the coordination of care and provision of health care related to such cases at VA and non-VA facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.