

## HR 3443

Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (May 20, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 30, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 9, 2022

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 9, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

### Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act

This bill increases the monthly income limit that is used to determine whether certain Purple Heart recipients are eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.

Specifically, when making such determinations with respect to Purple Heart recipients who are entitled to SSDI benefits based on combat-related injuries, the Social Security Administration must use the limit that applies to individuals who are blind rather than the lower limit that applies to other SSDI recipients. In addition, the bill phases out SSDI benefits for these Purple Heart recipients, with benefits reduced by \$1 for every \$4 of earnings in excess of the limit.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.