

## HR 3881

Support and Defend Our Military Personnel and Their Families Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 17, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Support and Defend Our Military Personnel and Their Families Act

This bill provides immigration-related benefits and protections for certain Armed Forces veterans.

Any person who has served under honorable conditions as a member of the Armed Forces in support of contingency operations shall be eligible for naturalization as if the person had served during a period of presidentially designated military hostilities. (Contingency operations are operations where Armed Forces members are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities, or that result in the call to active duty.)

The bill also extends the period for filing a naturalization application from six months to one year after completing eligible military service.

An alien eligible for a family-sponsored visa and is either the spouse or child of a permanent resident alien serving in the Armed Forces shall be exempt from worldwide visa numerical limitations.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may adjust to permanent resident status an alien who is a parent, spouse, adult or minor child, or minor sibling of a person who has served in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions.

DHS must give prior approval before a notice to appear in a removal proceeding may be issued against an alien veteran who has served honorably. Before giving such approval, DHS shall consider factors such as the alien's record of service and any hardship to the Armed Forces or the alien or family members if placed in removal proceedings. Such an alien may not be removed based on certain grounds of inadmissibility or a prior order of removal.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.