

HR 4673

EVEST Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jul 22, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 20, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 29, 2021
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Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 20, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 860	Procedurally related	Jan 11, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act or the EVEST Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically enroll veterans who are eligible for VA health care into the VA health care system upon the receipt of information from the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense that proves eligibility of such veterans for enrollment.

The VA must provide a veteran notice that the veteran has been enrolled, instructions on how the veteran may elect to opt out of such enrollment, and instructions for how such veteran may elect to enroll at a later date.

Notice or instructions must be provided in a physical copy and, as is practical, in an electronic copy. Additionally, the VA must consider using mass texting capabilities to provide the notice and relevant instructions required by this bill.

The provisions of the bill apply to veterans who are discharged or separated from the Armed Forces on or after the date that is 90 days before this bill's enactment.

Any veteran who is eligible for automatic enrollment must be able to access an electronic version of the certificate of eligibility and an electronic mechanism to opt out of such enrollment.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the best methods for the VA to provide notice regarding a veteran's automatic enrollment in the VA health care system and related instructions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 20, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 860. (consideration: CR H257-270)
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1836 and H.R. 4673. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 4673.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 860, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Mr. Takano amendment en bloc No. 1.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 860, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Escobar amendment No. 3.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Mr. Bost moved to recommit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR H268)
- **Jan 20, 2022:** The previous question on the motion was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 206 - 221 (Roll no. 13).
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 265 - 163 (Roll no. 14).
- **Jan 20, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 265 - 163 (Roll no. 14).
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 11, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 860 passed House.
- **Jan 10, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 860 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1836 and H.R. 4673. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jan 6, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 117-223.
- **Jan 6, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 160.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Discharged.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 10.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.