

S 5089

GUARD VA Benefits Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Nov 15, 2022

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 15, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]

Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 15, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 17, 2022
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8736	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Nov 15, 2022)

Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act or the GUARD VA Benefits Act

This bill imposes criminal penalties and/or fines on individuals for directly or indirectly soliciting, contracting for, charging, or receiving any unauthorized fee or compensation with respect to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. The attempted commission of such offenses is also punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Actions Timeline

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