

HR 5607

Justice for ALS Veterans Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Oct 19, 2021

Current Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.

Latest Action: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged. (Nov 4, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 18, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 14, 2022
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Dec 6, 2022
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Dec 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3483	Related bill	Jan 12, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2021)

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This bill extends increased dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouse of a veteran who dies from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease) regardless of how long the veteran had such disease prior to death. Under current law, such compensation is paid for a service-connected disability that was rated totally disabling for a continuous period of at least eight years immediately preceding death.

For purposes of this bill, a *surviving spouse* is a person who was married to the veteran for a continuous period of eight years or longer prior to the veteran's death.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 8.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.