

HR 5916

Wounded Warrior Access Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Nov 23, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Feb 25, 2022
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 28, 2022
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 18, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and maintain a secure, online tool or website to enable a claimant or their representative to make records requests related to VA claims and benefits. Requests for records must specify in which format the copy is desired. The VA must notify a requester within 10 days that their request has been received and must fulfill the request within 120 days.

The bill also requires the VA to ensure that each time a claimant logs in to a website or online tool of the VA, the website or online tool displays in plain language (1) a warning regarding violations of laws related to agents and attorneys, (2) a link to an online tool to report violations, (3) a link to an online tool to search for a VA-recognized agent or attorney, and (4) a link to a website or online tool providing final decisions on discipline of agents and attorneys for violations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2022:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205. (consideration: CR H7814-7822; text: CR H7820)
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, proceedings on H.R. 5916 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7769-7770; text: CR H7769)
- **Sep 13, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5916.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.
- **Mar 29, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.