

HR 6288

To establish certain protections for members of the Armed Forces who refuse to receive vaccinations against COVID-19.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Dec 14, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 19, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jan 19, 2022
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 19, 2022
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7570	Related bill	Apr 25, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2021)

This bill requires that a discharge or dismissal of a member of the Armed Forces must be characterized as honorable in situations where the individual was discharged or dismissed solely for refusing to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Such individuals may not be denied retired or retainer pay or any benefits through the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs solely on the basis that they refused to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
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