

HR 6411

STRONG Veterans Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

Cosponsors (40 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2022
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Apr 25, 2022
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 10, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 19, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 27, 2022
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		May 27, 2022
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		May 27, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jun 22, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 20, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3368	Related bill	Dec 9, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR S9096-9097)
117 S 3323	Related bill	Dec 7, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 4233	Related bill	Nov 17, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 5516	Related bill	Nov 17, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 5029	Related bill	Nov 4, 2021: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
117 S 544	Related bill	Oct 8, 2021: Held at the desk.
117 S 2817	Related bill	Sep 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Support The Resiliency of Our Nation's Great Veterans Act of 2022 or the STRONG Veterans Act of 2022

This bill addresses mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including by requiring the VA to update training for the VA workforce and Veterans Crisis Line staff, implement pilot programs, expand access to mental health care, conduct studies and research, and provide outreach to veterans regarding mental health resources.

Among other requirements, the VA must

- ensure its medical centers have at least one full-time minority veteran coordinator and that such coordinators receive training on culturally appropriate mental health and suicide prevention services for American Indian and Alaska Native veterans;
- increase the number of full-time equivalent employees at Vet Centers and paid mental health trainees in the VA's workforce;
- expand specified scholarships and loan repayment programs for mental health providers and students;
- review and update the training for Veterans Crisis Line responders and social service assistants;
- designate a Buddy Check Week to organize outreach events and educate veterans on conducting peer wellness checks;
- update the Veterans Justice Outreach Program, including by conducting program outreach to justice-involved veterans;
- make permanent and expand the Peer Specialist Support program;
- expand eligibility for Vet Center services;
- offer mental health consultations to certain veterans;
- improve the assessment and treatment of veterans with sleep disorders; and
- perform various studies and research related to mental health issues and care.

Additionally, the bill permanently authorizes and expands the Solid Start program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Mr. Levin (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5845-5853)
- **Jun 23, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6411.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
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- **Jun 23, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 22, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 117-382.
- **Jun 22, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 292.
- **Feb 2, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 2, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Introduced in House
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