

HR 6464

Hear our Heroes Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3548	Related bill	Jul 13, 2022: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Jan 20, 2022)

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This bill provides a presumption of service-connection for hearing-related issues in certain veterans for purposes of wartime disability compensation. Under a presumption of service-connection, specific conditions diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Per the bill, certain veterans with diagnosed hearing loss, tinnitus, or both shall be presumed to have incurred or aggravated such conditions during active military, naval, or air service.

This bill applies to veterans who (1) served in combat, or (2) were assigned to a military occupational specialty that likely exposed them to a sufficiently high level of acoustic trauma.

The bill also requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to adjust the schedule of rating disabilities to establish a minimum disability rating for a veteran who requires a hearing aid because of a service-connected disability.

Actions Timeline

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