

## HR 7158

### Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 18, 2022

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 5, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7158>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]

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

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 18, 2022
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 29, 2022
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Nov 29, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 6, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 5, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1499	Related bill	Nov 30, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 2852	Identical bill	Dec 15, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

## Summary (as of Dec 1, 2022)

### Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into contracts to pay for specified veterans (i.e., certain veterans who have service-connected disabilities and require nursing home care) to be placed in medical foster homes at their request. A *medical foster home* is a home designed to provide non-institutional, long-term, supportive care for veterans who are unable to live independently and prefer a family setting.

Veterans receiving such care must agree, as a condition of payment for their care, to accept home health services furnished by the VA.

Under the bill, no more than a daily average of 900 veterans may have their care in a medical foster home covered by the VA.

The VA must create a monitoring system to assess its workload in carrying out the medical foster home payments. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must submit to Congress reports that assess the implementation of this program and provide recommendations for improvements.

The bill also extends certain loan fee rates through February 15, 2031, under the VA's home loan program.

## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1499, proceedings on H.R. 7158 are considered vacated.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1499, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4601, as amended; H.R. 4772, as amended; H.R. 4899; H.R. 5943, as amended; H.R. 7158, as amended; H.R. 8203; H.R. 9308; and S. 3825; and the following resolutions were agreed to under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 744, as amended; and H. Res. 922, as amended.(consideration: CR H8696-8700; text: CR H8697-8698)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1499, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4601, as amended; H.R. 4772, as amended; H.R. 4899; H.R. 5943, as amended; H.R. 7158, as amended; H.R. 8203; H.R. 9308; and S. 3825; and the following resolutions were agreed to under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 744, as amended; and H. Res. 922, as amended. (consideration: CR H8696-8700; text: CR H8697-8698)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8607-8609; text: CR H8607-8608)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7158.
- **Nov 29, 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.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 18, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.