

HR 7570

To establish certain protections for individuals involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces solely on the basis of refusing to receive vaccinations against COVID-19.

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Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 25, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6288	Related bill	Dec 14, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Apr 25, 2022)

This bill requires the reinstatement of individuals who were discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces solely because they refused to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Specifically, such individuals must be reinstated, at their request, in the same rank and grade they held at the time of their separation from the Armed Forces.

The discharge or dismissal of such individuals must be characterized as honorable.

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 they refused to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Actions Timeline

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