

HR 8260

Faster Payments to Veterans' Survivors Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]

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

Cosponsors (43 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 1, 2022
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jul 1, 2022
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 21, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2022

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Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 18, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 4646	Related bill	Jul 27, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Dec 27, 2022)

Faster Payments to Veterans' Survivors Act of 2022

This act modifies policies and procedures related to the payment of benefits under certain life insurance programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

If a primary beneficiary has not made a claim for payment within one year (currently two years) after the death of the insured under the National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) program or the United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI) program, the VA is authorized to make payment to another designated beneficiary as if the primary beneficiary had predeceased the insured. If no designated beneficiary makes a claim within two years (currently four years) after the death of the insured, the VA is authorized to make a payment to a person the VA deems to be equitably entitled to such benefit.

The act also modifies the beneficiary designation process under NSLI and USGLI. Specifically, if a person does not designate a beneficiary for insurance, or if the designated beneficiary predeceases the insured person, the VA must determine the beneficiary in a specified order of succession.

Additionally, the act requires the VA to improve its processes and procedures with respect to identifying, locating, and paying hard-to-find beneficiaries of life insurance policies, including by improving its website search tools.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 27, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 27, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-313.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7302)
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, proceedings on H.R. 8260 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 1339, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1468, as amended; H.R. 5865; H.R. 5916, as amended; H.R. 7735, as amended; H.R. 7846; H.R. 7939, as amended; H.R. 8260, as amended; and S. 4205. (consideration: CR H7814-7822; text: CR H7820-7821)
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 117-463.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 360.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7770-7772; text: CR H7770-7771)
- **Sep 13, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8260.
- **Sep 13, 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.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Discharged.
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Jul 1, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 1, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.