

HR 8736

GUARD VA Benefits Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

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

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Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Sep 20, 2022
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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2022
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Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2022
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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Oct 7, 2022
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 25, 2022
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 25, 2022
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Oct 25, 2022
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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Dec 2, 2022
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Dec 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 19, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5089	Identical bill	Nov 15, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Aug 19, 2022)

Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act or the GUARD VA Benefits Act

This bill imposes criminal penalties and/or fines on individuals for directly or indirectly soliciting, contracting for, charging, or receiving any unauthorized fee or compensation with respect to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. The attempted commission of such offenses is also punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Aug 19, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 19, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.