

## HR 8736

GUARD VA Benefits Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Aug 19, 2022

**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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| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]           | R · OH        |      | Dec 2, 2022  |
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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| 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.