

## HR 8925

To provide eligibility for veterans benefits for individuals who served in the United States merchant marine in the Southeast Asia theater of operations during the Vietnam Era.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 20, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Oct 11, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8925>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to | Oct 11, 2022 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Sep 20, 2022)

This bill requires that the service of specified U.S. merchant marines be considered as active duty for purposes of determining the individual's eligibility for veterans benefits. Specifically, the bill applies to merchant marines who served as crewmembers of vessels in oceangoing service during the Vietnam Era in the Southeast Asia theater of operations and receive a certificate of honorable discharge.

### Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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