

HR 1226

Wounded Warrior Access Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 118-21 (Enacted Nov 13, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-33]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Mar 7, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 2, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2803	Related bill	Sep 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4528)

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This act requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and maintain a secure online tool or website to enable a claimant or their representative to make records requests related to VA claims and benefits. Requests for records must specify in which format the copy is desired. The VA must notify a requester within 10 days that their request has been received and must fulfill the request within 120 days.

The act also requires the VA to ensure that each time a claimant logs in to a website or online tool of the VA, the website or online tool displays in plain language (1) a warning regarding violations of laws related to agents and attorneys, (2) a link to an online tool to report violations, (3) a link to an online tool to search for a VA-recognized agent or attorney, and (4) a link to a website or online tool providing final decisions on discipline of agents and attorneys for violations.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 118-21.
- **Nov 9, 2023:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1127-1128)
- **Mar 7, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1226.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** 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.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1130-1131)
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 0 (Roll no. 132). (text: CR H1127-1128)
- **Mar 7, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 0 (Roll no. 132). (text: CR H1127-1128)
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.