

## HR 2971

Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 27, 2023

**Current Status:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote. (Jul 23, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/2971>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		May 23, 2024
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 10, 2024
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Aug 20, 2024
Rep. Hunt, Wesley [R-TX-38]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2024
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Nov 8, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 12, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 23, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to, upon receipt of an initial claim for benefits from a claimant that is not represented by an accredited person (i.e., a veterans service organization, attorney, or agent recognized by the VA) provide (1) notice that an accredited person may assist the claimant, (2) notice that a veterans service organization may represent the claimant for free, (3) information regarding a search tool to find an accredited person to assist in the filing of claims, and (4) information on how and where to report a person who is not accredited and charged a fee to assist with a claim.

In its web portal, the VA must provide a warning regarding fees an agent or attorney may charge for assistance in filing benefits claims. (Under current law, fees are generally prohibited for filing an initial claim.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 23, 2024:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Sep 11, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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