

HR 5377

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Sep 13, 2023)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Sep 12, 2023
Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU-At Large]	R · GU		Sep 26, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2795	Related bill	Oct 6, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-19.

This bill extends the eligibility or applicability of various Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs and benefits.

First, the bill extends from three to five years the authority for additional licensed health care professionals (i.e., physician assistants, nurse practitioners, audiologists, and psychologists) to perform medical disability examinations as part of the existing VA pilot program related to the use of contract physicians for disability examinations.

Currently, when an individual transfers fewer than 12 credits from a program of education that is closed or disapproved, the individual is deemed to have not received those credits, and no charge from the individual's entitlement to education assistance may be made for that period of enrollment. Under the bill, this period of relief for those affected by a closure or disapproval is extended by two years to apply to programs that close or discontinue before September 30, 2025.

The bill extends through FY2028 the authorization for VA emergency preparedness for public health emergencies.

The bill also extends the applicability of certain loan fee rates through November 15, 2031, under the VA's home loan program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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