

S 740

GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 15, 2023
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Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2023
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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 6, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 6, 2023
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 11, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 11, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 11, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 26, 2023
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 26, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 27, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 27, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 28, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 4, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 19, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 9, 2023
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 7, 2024
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 7, 2024
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2024
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 12, 2024
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 12, 2024

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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 21, 2024
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 21, 2024
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2024
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Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		May 1, 2024
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Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 18, 2024
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1789	Related bill	Jun 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 1822	Related bill	Apr 14, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
118 HR 1139	Related bill	Mar 29, 2023: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2023)

Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act of 2023 or the GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023

This bill imposes criminal penalties 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 commission or attempted commission of such offenses is punishable by a fine, imprisonment for up to one year, or both.

Actions Timeline

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