

## HR 8371

Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jul 23, 2024

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jul 24, 2024
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Van Orden, Derrick [R-WI-3]	R · WI		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Sep 11, 2024
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Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Sep 19, 2024
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Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Nov 14, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Nov 18, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2024
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 141	Related bill	<b>Jan 2, 2025:</b> Became Public Law No: 118-210.
118 S 3911	Related bill	<b>Mar 12, 2024:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 3581	Related bill	<b>Dec 5, 2023:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 S 185	Related bill	<b>Nov 2, 2023:</b> Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
118 HR 3943	Related bill	<b>Oct 2, 2023:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 193.
118 HR 3981	Related bill	<b>Sep 19, 2023:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 4850	Related bill	<b>Aug 15, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
118 HR 196	Related bill	<b>Jul 19, 2023:</b> Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
118 S 1096	Related bill	<b>Jul 18, 2023:</b> Held at the desk.
118 S 1090	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2023:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-160.
118 HR 693	Related bill	<b>Apr 18, 2023:</b> Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 HR 1169	Related bill	<b>Apr 18, 2023:</b> Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 HR 1798	Related bill	<b>Apr 18, 2023:</b> Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 S 55	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act**

This bill addresses various programs, benefits, and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including those related to health care, educational assistance, home loans, homelessness, and disability and memorial affairs.

Among other elements, the bill

- modifies the administration of the Veterans Community Care Program, including by providing protections for care agreements between veterans and clinicians;
- increases the expenditure cap for non-institutional care alternatives to nursing home care;
- provides certain support to family caregivers under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers;
- modifies the administration of certain educational assistance programs and benefits, including by removing the expiration on a surviving spouse's entitlement under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship;
- expands the Native American Direct Loan program by allowing Native American veterans to refinance other existing mortgage loans on the same property if certain conditions are met;
- requires the VA to provide a burial and funeral allowance for certain veterans who die prior to October 1, 2026, in a home or other setting at which the veteran was receiving VA hospice care (if such care was directly preceded by VA hospital or nursing home care);
- temporarily increases the maximum rate of per diem payments provided by the VA to entities that furnish services and transitional housing to homeless veterans;
- authorizes a program to modernize the electronic health record and other relevant health information technology systems of the VA; and
- addresses various oversight and reporting matters.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 19, 2024:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6038-6070)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8371.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** 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.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6071)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** 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): 389 - 9 (Roll no. 466). (text: CR H6038-6065)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 389 - 9 (Roll no. 466). (text: CR H6038-6065)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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