

HR 1039

Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 6, 2025

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Apr 8, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barrett, Tom [R-MI-7]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Feb 6, 2025
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2025
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Feb 11, 2025
Rep. Collins, Mike [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 13, 2025
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Feb 13, 2025
Rep. Haridopolos, Mike [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Feb 13, 2025
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Feb 18, 2025
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Apr 1, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 26, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 8, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 9237	Related bill	Jun 23, 2026: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1377 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1181, H.R. 9022, H.R. 8595 and H.R. 9237. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1181 and H.R. 9237 under a closed rule and H.R. 9022 and H.R. 8595 under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
119 S 4744	Related bill	Jun 11, 2026: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 433.
119 S 1311	Related bill	Apr 5, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2025)

Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to assess notices that the VA sends to claimants applying for or submitting claims for VA benefits. The VA must report on the findings of the assessment and implement recommendations in the assessment.

The bill also extends certain loan fee rates through June 23, 2034, under the VA's home loan program.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1437-1439)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1039.
- **Apr 7, 2025:** 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.
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1442-1443)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** 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): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 90). (text: CR H1437: 1)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 90). (text: CR H1437)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1437-1439: 1)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1442-1443: 2)
- **Apr 7, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 90). (text: CR H1437: 1)
- **Mar 26, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 26, 2025:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Feb 6, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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