

## HR 1413

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require that domiciliary facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and State homes that provide housing to veterans have resident advocates.

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 18, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. (Mar 21, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1413>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 18, 2025)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to employ a resident advocate in each of its domiciliary facilities. The resident advocate must (1) serve as liaison between veterans in the facilities and the VA; (2) receive complaints from such veterans, transmit the complaints to the directors of the facilities, and respond to such complaints; and (3) submit complaints to the Office of Inspector General of the VA when appropriate.

Additionally, state homes must also employ a resident advocate in order to be eligible for payment from the VA for domiciliary care provided to a veteran. A *state home* is a home established by a state or tribe for veterans who are disabled by age, disease, or otherwise and are incapable of earning a living because of such disability. The term also includes a home that furnishes nursing home care for veterans.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 21, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Feb 18, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 18, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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