

HR 1685

Justice for ALS Veterans Act of 2025

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Sponsor

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Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Sep 19, 2025
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 23, 2025
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Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Oct 31, 2025
Rep. Hunt, Wesley [R-TX-38]	R · TX		Nov 17, 2025
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 5, 2026
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Apr 13, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 3, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 6636	Related bill	Jan 15, 2026: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
119 HR 5827	Related bill	Oct 24, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Education and Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Appropriations, Armed Services, the Budget, Rules, Ethics, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, House Administration, the Judiciary, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.
119 HR 3001	Related bill	Apr 24, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Education and Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Appropriations, Armed Services, the Budget, Rules, Ethics, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, House Administration, the Judiciary, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.
119 S 749	Related bill	Feb 26, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2025)

Justice for ALS Veterans Act of 2025

This bill extends increased dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouse of a veteran who dies from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease) regardless of how long the veteran had such disease prior to death. Under current law, such compensation is paid for a service-connected disability that was rated totally disabling for a continuous period of at least eight years immediately preceding death.

For purposes of compensation for a surviving spouse of a veteran who dies from ALS, the spouse must have been married to the veteran for a continuous period of eight years or longer prior to the death of the veteran.

Additionally, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must report on service-connected disabilities the VA determines should be treated in the same manner as ALS for purposes of dependency and indemnity compensation.

