

## HR 5277

HEAL Act

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

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 22, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/5277>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Sep 19, 2025
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 22, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Heroes Earned Affordable Lifts Act or the HEAL Act**

This bill modifies the administration of the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) beneficiary travel benefit available to individuals traveling for vocational rehabilitation, required counseling, or for examination, treatment, or care.

The bill increases the mileage reimbursement rate for beneficiary travel to or from VA facilities in connection with vocational rehabilitation, required counseling, or for the purpose of examination, treatment or care. Specifically, the bill raises the rate from 41.5 cents per mile to the rate for a privately owned automobile when no government vehicle is available (currently 70 cents per mile).

The bill prohibits the VA from requiring a deductible for beneficiary travel for examination, treatment, or care.

The bill also provides that veterans service organizations and veterans service agencies that provide transportation for examinations, treatment, or care to veterans may be allowed expenses of travel upon the same basis as such veteran beneficiaries.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 22, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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