

HR 659

Veterans Law Judge Experience Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 23, 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. (Jan 26, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/659>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 23, 2025
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		May 6, 2025
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 6, 2025
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 6, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 24, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 26, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 23, 2025)

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This bill requires the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals to prioritize individuals with three or more years of legal professional experience in relevant legal areas when recommending individuals to the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve as members of the Board.

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