

## **NATIONAL VETERANS LEGISLATION I AM TRACKING AS OF JULY 2019**

**H.R. 96-** To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish dental care in the same manner as any other medical service, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 100-VETS OVERMEDICATION & SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT of 2019**

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an independent review of the deaths of certain veterans by suicide, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 113- ALL AMERICAN FLAG ACT, PASSED HOUSE. PASSED HOUSE**

**H.R. 139, 179, 601, 712,747- VA MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH ACT**

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

**S. 191, 643, 663- BURN PIT ACCOUNTABLE ACT**

To direct the Secretary of Defense to include in periodic health assessments, separation history and physical examinations, and other assessments an evaluation of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to open burn pits or toxic airborne chemicals, and for other purposes.

**H.R.203, 299, S. 1195- BLUE WATER NAVY VIETNAM VETS ACT of 2019**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes. **SIGNED BY PRESIDENT**

**H.R. 303, S. 208- RETIRED PAY RESTORATION ACT**

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation.

**H.R. 326- Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2019**

Subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to the State circuit court systems that— have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court Program; or have filed a notice of intent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Secretary.

**H.R. 333-DISABLED VETS TAX TERMINATION ACT**

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 444- Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of All Ages Act of 2019**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the period of eligibility for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**H.R. 445- Help Hire Our Heroes Act**

To amend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to make permanent the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 446-VETS ENTREPRENEUR ACT OF 2019**

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax credits to veterans for the establishment of franchises.

**S. 514: Deborah Sampson Act**

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 553-MILITARY SURVIVING SPOUSE EQUITY ACT (138 cosponsors)**

To amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 628- WINGMAN ACT**

To title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees, and for other purposes

**H.R. 637, 566- Lawrence J. Hackett Jr. Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Fairness Act**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a task force to assess and make recommendations about the care and compensation that should be provided to veterans who have been exposed to Agent Orange, their spouses, and multiple generations of their offspring.

**H.R. 713- To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility for beneficiary travel for veterans seeking treatment or care for military sexual trauma in specialized outpatient or residential programs at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.**

**H.R. 886- Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019 (102 cosponsors)**

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**Respectfully,**

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