



Southern Division

Legislative Bulletin

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On January 5, 2021 President Trump signed into Veterans Health **law H.R.7105 the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, MD Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020**. This was passed by Congress in December 2020.

This Bill in part does the following:

- Expands access to education and training services for transitioning servicemembers.
- Continues to ensure servicemembers and veterans impacted by COVID 19 are taken care of
- Supports Key programs by expanding the STEM scholarship program and increasing funding for the VET Tec Pilot program
- Requires VA to reinstate public-facing Disability Benefits Questionnaires on their website
- Improves healthcare services and benefits for women veterans at VA by ensuring that the VA healthcare system is more prepared for their need and helps instill a culture that is more welcoming, inclusive, and safe.
- Modernizes the Service-Disabled Veteran Insurance Program to meet the needs of today's economy
- Supports services for veterans who are homeless by increasing funding for transitional housing providers and improving case management procedures
- Streamlines benefits for survivors of military sexual trauma"

This bill incorporates education reforms, changes for Vietnam Era dates, and the Deborah Sampson Act (S.514 and H.R.3224). It also addresses the impact Covic-19 is having on our veterans.

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