

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF
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NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION DIVISION
THE AMERICAN LEGION
BEFORE THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON
PENDING AND DRAFT LEGISLATION**

APRIL 13, 2016

H.R. 3715: Final Farewell Act of 2015:
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 3936: The Veterans Engagement Team Act:
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 4087: Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act:
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 4757: To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries.
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 4758: To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate to certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and certain deceased members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 4759

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans' cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization.
The American Legion Supports

H.R. 4782: The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2016, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

In order for The American Legion to support H.R. 4782, The American Legion asks for Congress to remove Section 2 of the bill and allow for veterans to receive the full benefits awarded due to their service.

Discussion Draft: Medal of Honor Legacy Act

To direct the Secretary of the Army to reserve a certain number of burial plots at Arlington National Cemetery for individuals who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, and for other purposes.

The American Legion supports the Medal of Honor Legacy Act.

Discussion Draft: Love Lives on Act of 2016

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of “surviving spouse” for purposes of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The American Legion supports the Love Lives On Act of 2016.

Discussion Draft

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the consideration of evidence by Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

The American Legion supports the discussion draft.