



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

Legislative – June/July 2025

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National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free*

Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All*

Legislative work. Yes, I hear the groans. It is our job to influence those in Washington to pass bills that support veterans and our active military personnel.

However, one person cannot do it by themselves. It takes each member of this organization and then some extra folks. Okay, stop groaning. We must be diligent to the point of obsession. It matters very little who sits in the White House. It matters not which political party has the majority seats. It is HOW MANY LETTERS each Congressperson receives for and against a specific bill. This is our focus –to be the state writing thousands of letters to our representative in support of these bills.

So here are a few for you to begin your writing campaign.

- ❖ S. 609 – Building Resources and Access for Veterans' Mental Health Engagement Act of 2025 (BRAVE). This legislation is to enhance mental health services for veterans. It is a comprehensive approach including improvements to the Department of Veterans Affairs workforce capabilities, upgrades to infrastructure, targeted initiatives for women veterans, expansion of critical suicide prevention programs.
- ❖ HR.1970 – Providing Veterans Essential Medication Act. This aims to address the financial burden faced by State Veterans Homes in providing high-cost medication to veterans by directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to either reimburse the homes for these medications or to furnish the medication directly to the State Veterans Homes.
- ❖ HR. 1004 / S. 410 – The Love Lives on Act. This would eliminate the remarriage age requirement for survivors in receipt of Dependency Indemnity Compensation.

Are you ready to act on the following list of bills? Your letter does not need to be long, just three simple paragraphs of 3-5 sentences to convey support of the bills.

- Paragraph 1- Should include who you are: from state, district, organization. State why you are writing (name of the bill or number).
- Paragraph 2- Should include a couple of reasons why you would like their

positive vote on this bill, i.e. what would it mean for your quality of life.

- Paragraph 3- Should encourage your representative/senator to contact you. List your name and contact information – email, telephone, home address.

Don't forget to sign your letter if you are sending it by US mail or fax.

- ❖ HR. 1282 / S344– The Major Richard Star Act
- ❖ HR. 303 – The Retired Pay Restoration Act
- ❖ HR. 210 – the Dental Care for Veterans Act
- ❖ HR. 3933 / S. 2888 – the TAP Promotion Act
- ❖ HR. 1685/. S. 749 – The Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- ❖ HR. 1732 – The GUARD VA benefits Act

Remember to report! Include the following in your description when reporting:

- ✓ To whom you wrote.
- ✓ What was the bill number?
- ✓ When did you send your communication?
- ✓ How did you send it?