



## LEGISLATIVE "FREEDOM ADVOCATES" – FEBRUARY 2021 BULLETIN

Our Western Division Legislative Chairman, Cindy Queen shared information on Veterans Health law H.R.7105 the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, MD Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020. Passed by Congress December 2020 and signed by President Trump on January 5, 2021. Some of the aspects of the Bill;

1. Expands access to education and training services to transitioning servicemembers.
2. Continues to ensure servicemembers and veterans impacted by COVID-19 are taken care of.
3. Supports key programs by expanding the STEM scholarship program and increasing funding for the VET Tec Pilot Program.
4. Requires the VA to reinstate public-facing Disability Benefits Questionnaires on their websites.
5. Improves healthcare services and benefits for woman veterans at VA by ensuring that the VA healthcare system is more prepared for their needs and helps instill a culture that is more welcoming, inclusive and safe.
6. Modernizes the Service-Disable Veterans Insurance Program to meet the needs of today's economy.
7. Supports service for veterans who are homeless by increasing funding for transitional housing providers and improving case management procedures.
8. Streamlines benefits for survivors of military sexual trauma.
9. The bill also incorporates education reforms, changes for Vietnam Era dates, and the Deborah Sampson Act (S.514 and HR.3224).
10. It also addresses the impact COVID-19 is having on our veterans.

All the information provided above you can find from The American Legion website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) or visit [Congress.gov](http://Congress.gov).

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