



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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H.R. 6418: VA Website Accessibility Act of 2018

Background:

H.R. 6418 would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to all Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) websites. The Secretary would need to check that all aspects of VA's website, including attached files and web-based applications, are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Following the study, the Secretary of VA would be required to provide Congress with a list of all website aspects that are not accessible to anyone with a disability in accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The report would also be required to include a plan addressing how any of these aspects would be brought into compliance.

The Message:

- The nation's disabled veterans deserve the access to the VA information via Rehabilitation Act compliant websites.
- H.R. 6418 would ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to use and access all aspects of VA's websites.
- This legislation would require the Secretary of VA to provide Congress with a list of all elements of the websites that are not accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- The Secretary of the VA should ensure that all veterans are able to use the services that the department provides.