



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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H.R. 3122: Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017

Background:

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Pension with Aid and Assistance (A&A) program provides certain low-income veterans with a modest supplemental benefit to help pay for assisted living or in-home personal care if the veteran is housebound or requires the aid and attendance of another person. Although the application process for these benefits is free, there have been reports of scam artists targeting and taking advantage of veterans receiving A&A benefits.

The Veterans Care Financial Protection Act would direct VA to provide additional warnings for veterans and their families about dishonest individuals that prey on sick and elderly beneficiaries. This bill would also require GAO to conduct a study on vulnerable veterans in need of A&A, which would include recommendations on how federal agencies could better protect vulnerable veterans from fraud.

The Message:

- We have a duty to take care of the men and women who have served our nation.
- VA's pension program with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefits provides eligible low-income veterans with resources to pay for assisted living or in-home care.
- Unfortunately, scam artists have begun targeting veterans receiving pension with A&A benefits.
- We have a duty to protect our most vulnerable veterans from being victims of financial scams.
- This bill would crack down on scam artists taking advantage of veterans receiving benefits for in-home care.