



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
Republicans | Ranking Member Phil Roe, M.D.

H.R. 7105, as amended: The Dependable Employment and Living Improvements for Veterans Economic Recovery Act (DELIVER Act)

BLUF: The DELIVER Act would help veterans who are unemployed due to COVID-19 succeed in the post-pandemic economy, support veterans pursuing careers in IT, create a more seamless transition from military to civilian life, and improve the services VA provides to veterans who are homeless or at-risk.

SUMMARY

Section 101 would provide flexibility to VA and homeless veteran service providers to help homeless veterans during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 102 would expand eligibility of Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program vouchers to veterans with an 'Other Than Honorable' discharge

Section 103 would authorize VA to provide grants to community organizations that give legal services to homeless veterans and veterans at-risk of homelessness.

Section 104 would require VA to conduct a gap analysis on the services provided to homeless women veterans.

Section 105 would increase the maximum amount of per diem that VA pays to Grant and Per Diem (GPD) providers to 125% of the current rate, provide VA with the flexibility to adjust the GPD rate to better align with local cost of living, authorize VA to pay per diem funds to house the children of homeless veterans, and give GPD providers access to the Homeless Management Information System to better track outcomes of services provided to homeless veterans.

Section 106 would permanently authorize VA to provide counseling to veterans who are incarcerated and transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

Section 107 would authorize case managers from the Indian Health Service to provide case management services to veterans participating in HUD-VASH.

Section 108 would require VA to use contracted case managers to provide case management services for HUD-VASH under certain circumstances.

Section 109 would require that VA submit an annual report to Congress regarding case manager training and vacancies for the HUD-VASH program.

Section 201 would create a temporary rapid retraining program for certain veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserve who are unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to receive training in a high-demand field.

Section 202 would improve VA and the Department of Labor's ability to track employment outcomes.

Section 203 would increase funding for the Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET-TEC) training program and expand eligibility for the program to veterans and transitioning servicemembers.

Section 204 would authorize the Department of Defense to provide the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) courses outside of military installations.

Section 205 would authorize VA to provide grants to organizations that provide transition assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces and their spouses.

Section 206 would require an independent assessment of TAP.

Section 207 would require a longitudinal study of TAP.

Section 208 would temporarily increase loan fee for veterans using the Interest Rate Reduction Refinanced loans from 0.5% to 0.85% from January 1, 2021 through January 15, 2027.