

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9661

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct certain outreach to legacy participants in the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Caregiver Con-
5 tinuity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH TO LEGACY PARTICIPANTS IN PRO-**
2 **GRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR**
3 **FAMILY CAREGIVERS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should not
6 discharge any legacy participant within the priority group
7 specified in section 1705(a)(1) of title 38, United States
8 Code, from the program of comprehensive assistance for
9 family caregivers, or reduce the support received by any
10 such legacy participant under such program, on the sole
11 basis of the final rule of the Department of Veterans Af-
12 fairs relating to “Program of Comprehensive Assistance
13 for Family Caregivers Improvements and Amendments
14 Under the VA MISSION Act of 2018” (85 Fed. Reg.
15 46226, as in effect on October 1, 2020), or any related
16 successor rule.

17 (b) OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of
18 Veterans Affairs shall—

19 (1) identify each legacy participant that has
20 been sent a notification from the Department of Vet-
21 erans Affairs that the individual may be subject to
22 a discharge from, reassessment of eligibility for, or
23 reduction of benefits under, the program of com-
24 prehensive assistance for family caregivers on the
25 sole basis of the final rule specified in subsection (a);

1 (2) provide to each such legacy participant in-
2 formation regarding continued eligibility for such
3 program under the interim final rule of the Depart-
4 ment of Veterans Affairs relating to “Extension of
5 Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family
6 Caregivers; Eligibility for Legacy Participants and
7 Legacy Applicants” (issued on September 14, 2022),
8 or any related successor rule; and

9 (3) take such other steps as may be necessary
10 to ensure that legacy participants receive the most
11 up-to-date information regarding eligibility for such
12 program.

13 (c) PRIORITIZATION OF PRIORITY GROUP ONE VET-
14 ERANS.—In carrying out the outreach requirements under
15 subsection (c), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
16 prioritize the provision of information to legacy partici-
17 pants within the priority group specified in section
18 1705(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “family caregiver” has the mean-
21 ing given such term in section 1720G(d) of title 38,
22 United States Code.

23 (2) The term “legacy participant” means, with
24 respect to the program of comprehensive assistance
25 for family caregivers, a veteran, or family caregiver

1 thereof, who was a participant in such program as
2 of September 30, 2020.

3 (3) The term “program of comprehensive as-
4 sistance for family caregivers” means the program
5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs under section
6 1720G(a) of title 38, United States Code.

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