

115th Congress—Veterans Bills Signed into Law 2018

Besides the Veteran Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 that was signed into law on 31 December 2018 there are 11 other laws enacted in 2018. They are:

1. **The Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017** (H.R.1725), requiring VA to evaluate an initiative to reduce the need for in-person disability examinations, signed into law March 9, 2018 (PL 115-130).
2. **The Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017** (H.R.3122), protecting veterans from fraudulent or predatory scams, signed into law March 9, 2018 (PL 115-131).
3. **H.R. 3656**, providing VA memorial headstones and markers for veterans whose remains are unavailable, signed into law March 16, 2018 (PL 115-136).
4. **The State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act of 2017** (S.324), allowing qualifying veterans to receive adult-day medical model health care, signed into law March 27, 2018 (PL 115-159).
5. **H.R.3562**, improving the process for providing certain home adaptations, signed into law June 1, 2018 (PL 115-177).
6. **The John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act** (S.2372), streamlining and strengthening VA community care programs to ensure veterans receive efficient, timely and quality care, signed into law June 6, 2018 (PL 115- 182).
7. **The Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act** (H.R.4910), providing equal burial benefits for veterans interred in National Park Service cemeteries, signed into law June 15, 2018 (PL 115-184).
8. **The VA Senior Executive Accountability (SEA) Act** (H.R.2772), preventing rogue employees from being reassigned within the VA without the VA secretary's approval, signed into law June 21, 2018 (PL 115-188).
9. **The Veterans Providing Healthcare Transition Improvement Act** (S. 899), to provide leave for medical treatment for certain new federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities, signed into law September 7, 2018 (Public Law 115-238).
10. **Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act** (H.R. 2147) requiring VA to hire at least 50 Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists under the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. Each of these specialists must serve as part of a justice team in a veterans treatment court or other veteran-focused court. Signed into law September 17, 2018 (PL 115-240)

11. The Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2018 (S.3479), to ensure veterans continue to have access to critical programs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), signed into law September 29, 2018 (Public Law 115-251).

12. The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018 (H.R.4958), to increase veterans' disability benefits based on rising costs of living, signed into law October 10, 2018 (Public Law 115-258).