

**The Veterans Fiduciary Reform and
Honoring Noble Service Act (H.R. 5948, as amended)**
Introduced by Rep. Bill Johnson

SUMMARY: [The Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012](#) mandates that all VA fiduciaries submit to a background and credit check, as well as institute an appeals process to ensure that veterans and their families have recourse should they lose confidence in a VA-appointed fiduciary in order to cut down on fraud within VA's Fiduciary Program. Furthermore, this bill will add a layer of protection to a veteran's savings, and decrease the amount of money a fiduciary may receive as a commission. H.R. 5948 also includes provisions to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, ensures that religious and other expressions of mourning are allowed at National Cemeteries, and prohibits VA employees who violate civil law from receiving incentives and awards.

PROVISIONS:

- a. [H.R. 5735](#), as amended (*Introduced by Rep. Steve Stivers*): Would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery for the remains of servicemembers killed in Iraq, Afghanistan, or any subsequent war if the remains are unidentifiable or unclaimed.
- b. H.R. 2355 (*Introduced by Rep. Vicki Hartzler*): [The Hallowed Grounds Act](#) would prohibit persons convicted of certain sex offenses to be interred at national cemeteries or Arlington National Cemetery.
- c. [H.R. 2720](#) (*Introduced by Rep. John Culberson*): Would prohibit VA from interfering with the content of a funeral on VA property, so long as it is in line with the last will and testament of the individual being interred.
- d. H.R. 5881, as amended (*Introduced by Rep. Jon Runyan*): [The Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act](#) would provide certain employees of Members of Congress and certain employees of local governmental agencies with access to VA case-tracking information.
- e. H.R. 3730, as amended (*Introduced by Rep. Joe Donnelly*): [The Veterans Data Breach Timely Notification Act](#) would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice to individuals whose sensitive personal information is involved in a data breach.
- f. H.R. 4481, as amended (*Introduced by Rep. Phil Roe*): [The Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act](#) would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that no employee of VA, who knowingly violates any civil law, receives any retention incentive, payment, or award for or during the year of such violation.
- g. Establishes a ceiling on VA bonus and incentive payments.