

VFW Applauds Passage of VA Mission Act

Senate now urged to pass key veterans legislation

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WASHINGTON – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. applauds the House of Representatives for passing the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

The bipartisan, bicameral legislation is the result of hard work by members of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs to improve VA's ability to hire high-quality health care professionals, consolidate and improve VA community care programs, expand caregiver benefits to pre-9/11 veterans, and establish a process to evaluate and reform VA's capital infrastructure to better serve veterans.

"This bill honors the nation's commitment to our veterans to provide them with the care they have earned," said Keith Harman, national commander of the 1.7 million-member VFW and its Auxiliary. "It will help improve services throughout the VA health system while utilizing private sector resources when needed, striking the right balance to make sure we provide veterans with the best care possible.

"Americans expect Congress to work together when it comes to veterans' issues, and the VFW applauds those who put veterans first," he said. "The VFW now urges the Senate to pass the bill before Choice program funding expires at the end of the month."

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