

Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act (H.R. 1147)



What does it do?

- ★ This legislation would **create the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure compliance with existing disability laws**, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA).
- ★ The committee would focus on improving access for disabled veterans to electronic information, benefits and services, health care facilities, and community care providers.
- ★ The committee will issue a report identifying barriers that impact veterans, employees, and the public, as well as providing recommendations to improve accessibility.



Why is it needed?

- ★ Despite the VA being the main health care provider for disabled veterans, many veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders report architectural barriers, medical equipment accessibility barriers, and barriers accessing online resources.
- ★ VA should lead the way in accessibility for disabled veterans.
- ★ This legislation would **facilitate compliance with the ADA, the ABA, and the Rehabilitation Act in the provision of veterans' care and benefits.**