

Representing Our Seniors at VA Act

This bill would ensure our seniors living in State Veterans Homes are represented at the Department of Veterans Affairs, keeping their priorities and unique needs at the forefront of VA policymaking and bringing more experts into discussions about how to improve aging veterans' care within the VA.

Key Legislative Provisions

- This bill would add a representative of the National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee.

Background

- The VA's Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee gathers experts to advise and create policies and best practices to care for our aging veterans within the VA.
- The National Association of State Veterans Homes plays a key role in enhancing the quality of life of veterans in State Veterans Homes, which provide nursing homes and other care to aging veterans.
- Currently, National Association of State Veterans Homes is not included in the VA's Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee, despite having a mostly geriatric population.
- With the role that the National Association of State Veterans Homes plays in providing long-term care for our aging veterans, it is important to have their expertise and input during discussions about aging veteran care.



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