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Support the Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights (formerly H.R. 805)

The Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights (H.R. 805 in the 112th Congress) is bipartisan legislation that empowers veterans with injuries and amputations to obtain appropriate prosthetic limb and orthotic brace (O&P) care.

H.R. 805 is identical to H. R. 5428, the same bill that passed in the House in December 2010 under suspension of the rules, after consideration by the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Unfortunately, time ran out on the 111th Congress, resulting in the Senate not having enough time to act on the legislation.

H. R. 805 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to post a written list of “rights” that apply to every veteran in need of prosthetic and orthotic (O&P) care (artificial limbs and orthopedic braces). The list would be written into the statute and the VA would be required to post the list in every VA O&P clinic across the country as well as on the VA website. The VA would be required to follow up and resolve any complaints by veterans who believe the VA is not meeting their O&P needs.

The list of rights includes the right to:

- Access appropriate O&P technology to meet individual veteran’s needs;
- Received care from a private O&P practitioner of choice – 97% of O&P care for veterans is provided by private O&P practitioners
- A second opinion from VA medical personnel as to O&P care options, and;
- Have a functional spare prosthesis or orthosis, to name a few

Veterans currently have these rights but there is wide variation and inconsistency across the country in how these rights are implemented. The bill simply educates veterans of their rights and expectations for VA O&P care. It empowers veterans to advocate for themselves to get the best care that meets their needs. Appropriate orthotic and prosthetic care can make all the difference in the lives of veterans with disabling conditions.

We urge you to support the bipartisan Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights.

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