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PVA's Suit to Protect Rights of Disabled Air Travelers Progresses in Court

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the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) abrupt and unlawful rollback of a rule intended to make air travel safer and easier for passengers with disabilities.

In today's court hearing, a panel of judges emphasized DOT's "significant legal problems" in delaying the rule without appropriate public notice and opportunity for comments. "You are the government after all," one judge noted, "can't the government do what is right because it is right?"

In the span of one year, PVA has filed two legal actions challenging DOT's repeated disregard for the indignities faced by air travelers with

disabilities. In July 2017, PVA sued DOT after it halted the implementation of regulations requiring domestic airlines to track and report data on lost and damaged wheelchairs; these regulations were the subject of today's hearing.

"Today's hearing shows that our case is strong, which is great news for travelers with disabilities. A lost or damaged wheelchair for many of our members is like being paralyzed all over again. Paralyzed Veterans of America wants to make sure all people with disabilities can fly securely with their basic rights to access intact. The ability to travel is a fundamental right that must not be delayed, and we're holding DOT responsible for making it happen now," said PVA National President David Zurfluh.

In a separate lawsuit filed in July 2018, PVA seeks to hold DOT accountable for failing to issue additional rules related to making airplane restrooms accessible for travelers with disabilities.

"While providing absolutely no explanation for its actions, DOT has unlawfully delayed the implementation of a vital rule for travelers with disabilities," said Democracy Forward Counsel Karianne Jones. "We will continue to argue that their actions not only violate the law, but also harm passengers with disabilities and should be reversed."

Measure to Let VA Doctors Recommend Medical Marijuana was Again Left Out of Budget Bill

By Nikki Wentling via *Stars and Stripes*



WASHINGTON - A measure to allow doctors at the Department of Veterans Affairs to recommend marijuana in states where it's medically legal failed to make it into the final version of a VA funding bill for the third consecutive year.

Lawmakers on Monday released their VA funding agreement for fiscal

2019 following more than a month of debate between House and Senate negotiators. An amendment to expand veterans' access to marijuana was removed from the annual budget bill during those negotiations.

The House is set to vote on the bill this week, ahead of the new fiscal year, which begins Oct 1.

"Denying veterans the care they need by the doctors they trust is shameful," said Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., who sponsored the amendment in the House. "This should have been a no-brainer. Yet, Republican leadership has once again stymied progress toward fair and equal treatment for our veterans."

The amendment, which was approved this year by the Senate but not the House, would allow VA doctors to recommend marijuana to veterans who are eligible for it under state laws. Marijuana use for medical purposes is legal in 31 states.

The VA currently prohibits its doctors from completing forms for veterans that would admit them into medical marijuana programs.

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Maine Veterans Share Their Experiences at VetTalkX, Statewide Veteran's Conference

By Beth Lamb, VA's Veterans Experience Office via blogs.va.gov



The Maine Military Community Network (MMCN) hosted its 8th annual statewide Veteran's conference late last month. The day started with keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Sherman, progressed to a panel on "Using the Humanities" and then to service awards. VA's Veterans Experience Office attended to show appreciation for Community Veteran Engagement Boards that have fostered Veteran Friendly-Communities with a signed certificate of appreciation from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Six collaborating Maine Military Community Network chapters have joined the Community Veteran Engagement Board network in Maine since 2015, elevating the CVEB network to over 146 groups nationwide that are meeting on a regular basis to talk about how they can assist Veterans, their caregivers and families in the communities where they live.

FAA Reauthorization Being Preconferenced in Effort to Meet September 30 Deadline

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The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee are working to preconference their respective Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bills before the current FAA authorization expires on September 30th. Although the Senate Commerce Committee passed its FAA bill out of committee in June 2017, the bill has still not been considered by the full Senate. With time running out and floor time, particularly in the Senate, at a premium, the committees are working behind the scenes to try to come up with a bill that can quickly be agreed to by both the House and Senate and sent to the President.

Both the House and Senate FAA bills include provisions similar to those found in the PVA-supported Air Carrier Access Amendments Act (H.R. 5004/S. 1318). Some of those provisions include:

- Airline passengers with disabilities bill of rights.

Afternoon breakout sessions of the Maine Veterans conference discussed moral injury, how to start a business and a rural transportation working group, ending the day with a VetTalkX event.

VetTalkX, (pronounced vet-talks), provide Veterans a platform, similar to Ted Talks, to humanize their experiences and accomplishments, often while overcoming challenges, to show Americans that Veterans are civic assets. Leveraging the success of the national VetTalkX program, which has had over 800 attendees and 22,000 live stream views, the State of Maine hosted a VetTalkX on July 19th, 2018 at the Augusta Civic Center and the University of Maine at Augusta.

Veteran speakers, like Joe Reagan, stand up before a crowd and briefly share their Veteran experience and how they became who they are today. To the general population, Veterans are often viewed as either "a hero or a zero", a decorated combat Veteran or homeless. Most Veterans would not label themselves as either of those stereotypes, but instead as an invested citizen with the intent of building stronger communities where they call home.

To view some of the Veteran stories told at the Maine VetTalkX, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MaineMCN/>.

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- Increased civil penalties for harm toward passengers with disabilities or their wheelchairs.
- Advisory Committee regarding the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities.
- Investigation into feasibility of in-cabin wheelchair restraints.
- Improved training for those providing assistance to passengers with disabilities.

PVA has worked closely with both the House and Senate committees on this legislation. We remain hopeful that if a final agreement on the FAA can be reached, that these disability-related provisions, and others, will be included.



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Mission Act gets Funding Under Historically High VA Budget Agreement

By Nikki Wentling via Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON – After a dispute delayed negotiations on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget for fiscal 2019, lawmakers came to an agreement Monday for more than \$200 billion for the agency that includes funding for the new VA Mission Act – legislation that expands private-sector medical care for veterans.

The Office of Management and Budget estimated that implementing the Mission Act would create a \$1.6 billion shortfall in 2019 in the account used to pay for veterans' private-sector treatment. The Mission Act was signed into law with fanfare this summer, though President Donald Trump's administration asked Congress not to break spending caps to pay for it.

In the end, lawmakers shifted \$1.25 billion to cover some of the cost instead of approving new funding – a move some Democrats opposed.

Three veterans organizations came out Tuesday in approval of the plan, though they said Congress might have to appropriate more money for the Mission Act later if the VA hits a shortfall. During the past two years, the VA has been unable to estimate accurately the amount of money it requires to send veterans into the private sector.

“At the end of the day, the VFW wants Congress to do its job and ensure the VA has the money that it needs to properly implement the Mission Act,” said Carlos Fuentes, a director with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. “What can be seen from this bill, for at least 2019, is the VA has the resources to implement [it]. Our hope is that if the VA comes back and says they need more money, that Congress fulfills that need.”

Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., argued that because lawmakers didn't incorporate new funding for the Mission Act, Congress shouldn't fault the VA if it breaks spending caps.

“By no means are we done with our work,” said Walz, the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. “The VA Mission Act still lacks a sustainable source of funding and unless something is done, the program will face a funding shortfall in less than a year.”

House and Senate negotiators released their agreement for the VA on Monday. In addition to the VA, the bill addresses spending for military construction, the Department of Energy, the legislative branch and other agencies. The House is set to vote on the bill this week, ahead of the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The bill allots \$208.8 billion for the VA altogether, a historically high budget for the agency.

The VFW, along with Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America, lauded the bill in a joint statement as providing “much-needed increases for veterans' health care and other critical programs, including new funding to begin implementing key provisions of the VA Mission Act.”

It provides \$8.6 billion for mental health care programs, including \$206 million for suicide prevention efforts. It directs \$400 million to the VA's Opioid Safety Initiative, \$779 million to medical and prosthetic research and \$1.8 billion to homeless veteran programs. Lawmakers set aside \$2 billion to address a backlog of maintenance issues at VA facilities, as well as \$1.1 billion for a massive project to overhaul the VA's electronic health record system.

“Under this bipartisan agreement, VA is set to receive the largest dollar amount in history,” said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. “Additionally, VA will receive the funding needed for implementation of the VA Mission Act while adhering to the existing and necessary caps on federal spending.”

Though they believe the VA will have the money in fiscal 2019 to implement the Mission Act, veterans groups remain worried about 2020. At that point, the new private-sector care program mandated by the Mission Act is supposed to be operational, and the VA will need even more money in its discretionary account to pay for it.

The legislation provides some advanced funding for the VA in fiscal 2020. However, the VFW, Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America said it falls at least \$8 billion short of what the VA estimated it will need for provisions under the Mission Act that year.

Democrats don't want to see the money slashed from other domestic programs.

Fuentes said House Republicans have assured the VFW that they would address the issue before fiscal 2020.

“We're going to make sure to hold them accountable if the time comes and they don't do it,” he said. “[The Mission Act] was a significant victory for veterans. However, it's not going to succeed if the VA doesn't have the funding to properly implement it.”



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U.S. Access Board Celebrates 50 Years of the Architectural Barriers ACT

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The U.S. Access Board celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA) with a panel of guest speakers and the unveiling of an exhibit on the law and its impacts at a public meeting and reception on September 7th. In welcoming attendees, Executive Director David Capozzi heralded the ABA as an “often-overlooked law that began the steady march toward the accessibility that we currently enjoy.” He noted that the celebration was just one of several events marking the occasion. The day before, the Board conducted a webinar on the standards used to enforce the ABA.

Board Chair Lance Robertson, who represents the Department of Health and Human Services, credited the ABA with literally “opening the doors of government to Americans with disabilities like never before” and setting clear and consistent nationwide accessibility guidelines for the federal government. As the first national law in the U.S. to address accessibility, he noted, the ABA set the foundation for a series of later laws that would extend accessibility far beyond the federal sector, including the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act.

Judith Heumann of the Ford Foundation, a key figure in the disability rights movement and a former Access Board chair, gave the keynote speech. Heumann offered a unique perspective on the ABA from her early and influential role in the disability rights movement and her years of experience in advocacy and disability policy. She recalled her time demonstrating in Washington, D.C. as a member of “Disabled in Action” for enactment of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which created the Access Board to enforce compliance with the ABA and to set accessibility guidelines for facilities covered by it.

Under the ABA, four agencies are responsible for implementing accessibility standards based on minimum guidelines issued by the Board. Representatives from each of those agencies shared their own observations of the ABA and its impacts. They included Allison Brigati, who serves as Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, Randy Cooper who is the Director of Disability Programs at the Department of Defense and its liaison to the Board, Tom Samra who represents the U.S. Postal Service on the Board as Vice President for Facilities, and Lynn Grosso who is Director of Enforcement in the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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Senate Commerce Committee Holds TSA Oversight Hearing

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Senator John Thune (R-SD), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, held a hearing entitled, “Keeping Our Skies Secure: Oversight of the Transportation Security Administration,” on September 5th. As part of the Committee’s oversight responsibilities, this hearing examined the progress made by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in its efforts to advance aviation security and the challenges that remain.

TSA Administrator David P. Pekoske was the sole witness. Prior to the hearing, PVA submitted potential questions about the screening process for people with disabilities. Many PVA members, and other passengers with disabilities, continue to face problems during the “pat down” security check that TSA performs on people who use wheelchairs and other mobility assistive devices. For passengers with disabilities who pay for TSA PreCheck, they too often encounter problems in being able to fully benefit from the program due to inaccessible lanes and screening devices, as well as improperly trained staff.

During the hearing, Chairman Thune noted that a bill he authored with a bipartisan group of Senators, the TSA Modernization Act (S. 1872), would make needed improvements to the agency. PVA supports the disability-related provisions in the bill because they would be helpful in improving the travel experience for people with disabilities. One of the key components included in the language is a requirement for the TSA Administrator to revise the training requirements for Transportation Security Officers related to the screening of passengers with disabilities. The Chairman expressed his desire for the bill to be included in the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization that is currently pending in Congress.

Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Oversight Hearing

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On September 6th, Associate Legislative Director Steven Henry testified before the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity to review VA’s Specially Adaptive Housing Grant program (SAH). PVA was asked to testify to offer our insights on the current status of the program since so many of our veterans are personally affected and have benefited greatly from the program. Those testifying in addition to Mr. Henry were Mr. Jeffery London, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Loan Guaranty Service; Mr. Ryan Kules, Director of Wounded Warrior Project’s Combat Stress and Recovery program; and Brigadier General Tom Landwermeyer, USA (Ret.), Homes for Our Troops President and Chief Executive Officer.

PVA’s testimony concentrated on three major concerns:

1. The ability of veterans to find an experienced and reliable contractor.
2. Timeliness of the modifications to be completed.
3. Inconsistency of how the SAH program is administered.

One of the most frustrating parts of the SAH process is finding a reliable contractor. Many contractors refuse to work with VA due to significant paperwork requirements and the fact that VA will not pay until the work has been completed. It is industry standard to follow a payment schedule. Often times, contractors will ask for one half of the total amount up front to cover materials and labor cost. Half of the remaining portion will be distributed at a later time and the remaining amount would be paid at the conclusion of the project. PVA emphasized the importance

of simplifying the process and modifying the payment structure so more contractors will work with the VA, allowing veterans to have a larger pool of contractors to choose from.

Since PVA represents so many veterans who have been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Mr. Henry noted the need for modifications to be completed as quickly as possible. He testified that although the average life expectancy of someone diagnosed with ALS is 2-5 years, none of the five veterans that he has represented for ALS claims have lived a year after their diagnosis. He also described a situation where the surviving spouse of a veteran with ALS was told the modifications for their home would take up to nine months to complete so she paid for them out of pocket. When Mr. Henry met with SAH’s program leaders prior to the hearing, they explained that veterans who are terminally ill are not prioritized over any other veteran; however, the process is expedited. Mr. Henry testified that even with being expedited, veterans were still waiting six to eight months to even a year for their modifications. The Subcommittee representatives were very interested in why terminally ill veterans are not prioritized and VA responded they do not have statutory authority to do so.

Finally, Mr. Henry testified about the lack of consistency in SAH’s administration. He noted that after surveying PVA’s National Service Officers (NSO), many stated SAH agents in their area were assigned additional duties not related to the SAH program. Furthermore, it was also found that SAH agents in a different area were advised that no veteran’s case was to be expedited regardless of whether he or she had a terminal illness.

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By Hans Petersen is senior writer-editor for Digital Media, VHA Office of Communications



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Adults 50 years and older are recommended to receive the shingles vaccine. Adults 65 and older are also recommended to receive both pneumococcal vaccines. Some adults younger than 65 years with certain conditions are also recommended to receive one or more pneumococcal vaccinations.

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Measure to Let VA Doctors Recommend Medical Marijuana was Again Left Out of Budget Bill

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The measure was part of recent efforts in Congress to give veterans easier access to marijuana, which has been posited by supporters as an alternative to addictive opioids. Some veterans contend marijuana effectively treats post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic pain.

Last week, Sens. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, introduced the Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act. Similar to the amendment that failed to make it into the budget bill, the legislation would allow VA providers to register veterans for state marijuana programs. It goes further, making it legal for veterans to "use, possess, or transport medical marijuana" in those 31 states.

The bill also calls for \$15 million for the VA to use to research marijuana's effects on chronic pain and whether the drug is effective in reducing opioid abuse among veterans.

"Federal law prohibits VA doctors from prescribing or recommending medical marijuana to veterans," Nelson said in a statement. "This legislation will allow veterans in Florida and elsewhere the same access to legitimately prescribed medication, just as any other patient in those 31 states would have."

Another bill, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act, aims to push the VA to initiate research. It has bipartisan support, and the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs unanimously voted in May to send the bill to the full House.

The bills will likely face some opposition. VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, who took the job in July, hasn't spoken publicly about marijuana as a potential treatment.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers sent a letter to him last week, urging him to initiate a "rigorous clinical trial" of the drug.



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March 30-31, 2019
Milwaukee, WI

New England Combined Air Rifle and Boccia Tournament*

April 26-28, 2019
Brockton, MA

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

April 26-27, 2019
Geneva, OH

**indicates combined events*

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Trapshoot

September 8-9, 2018
Sioux Falls, SD

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament and Handgun Shoot

November 9-11, 2018
Charles City, VA

Arizona Shooting Sports Tournament

February 8-10, 2019
Phoenix, AZ

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament

March 29-31, 2019
Redlands, CA

Pistol Shoot - March 29, 2019

Lytle Creek, CA

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament

May 17-19, 2019

Rifle/Pistol Shoot - May 17, 2019

Green Bay, WI

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament

May 31-June 2, 2019
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament

June 14-16, 2019
Pistol Event - June 14, 2019
Cedar Rapids, IA

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament

June 21-23, 2019
Waxahachie, TX

PARALYZED VETERANS BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament

September 21-23, 2018

Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament

October 5-7, 2018
Whittington, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament

March 29-31, 2019
Tavares, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament

May 3-5, 2019
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament

June 7-9, 2019
Henrico, VA

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Battle at the Beach

September 14-16, 2018
Virginia Beach, VA

Mid-South Billiards Tournament

October 12-13, 2018
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Chuck Willis Mem

March 22-24, 2019
Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament

April 5-7, 2019
Oklahoma City, OK

Buckeye Billiards Tournament

June 14-15, 2019
Wickliffe, OH

Mountain States Billiards Tournament

June 21-22, 2019
Fountain, CO

BOCCIA

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament

October 5-6, 2018
Richmond, VA

Gateway Boccia Tournament

October 18-20, 2018
St. Louis, MO

Bayou Boccia Tournament

November 30-December 1, 2018
Biloxi, MS

Cal-Diego Boccia Tournament

February 19-20, 2019
San Diego, CA

Arizona Boccia Tournament

April 6-7, 2019
Phoenix, AZ

New England Combined Air Rifle and Boccia Tournament

April 26-28, 2019
Brockton, MA

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament

July 12-15, 2018
Council Bluffs, IA

Mountain States Bowling Tournament

August 15-18, 2018
Colorado Springs, CO

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament

September 28-30, 2018
Glen Allen, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament

November 29-Dec 2, 2018
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tournament

February 21-24, 2019
Tampa, FL

Mid-America Bowling Tournament

April 12-14, 2019
Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament

June 27-30, 2019
Romeoville, IL

HANDCYCLING RACING

Museum of Aviation Marathon

January 12, 2019
Warner Robins, GA

PVA Racing High Performance Camp

January 26-February 1, 2019
Brooksville, FL

Top End Euro-American HC Championships

February 2-3, 2019
Gainesville, FL

Valley of the Sun

February 16-18, 2019
Phoenix, AZ

One City Marathon

March 2, 2019
Newport News, VA

Off-Road Spring Expo

April 19-21, 2019
Chesterfield, VA

PVA Learn to Race Camp

April 23-26, 2019
Gettysburg, PA

Blue and Gray Half Marathon and Criterium

April 27-28, 2019
Gettysburg, PA

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



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