
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 254 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, BROOKS, RAFFERTY,
TEPLITZ AND YUDICHAK, DECEMBER 5, 2015

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
DECEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 2894, the
2 "Caregivers Access and Responsible Expansion for All Veterans
3 Act" or the "CARE for All Veterans Act."

4 WHEREAS, There are over 900,000 veterans in this Commonwealth
5 who have served in the United States Armed Forces, including
6 nearly 615,000 veterans who served prior to September 11, 2001;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Our veteran population deserves the best available
9 care and resources, including the ability to receive care at
10 home from a loved one who has the appropriate training to assist
11 with personal care needs and activities of daily living; and

12 WHEREAS, The role of a caregiver requires substantial
13 dedication, time and effort to ensure the health and well-being
14 of our veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, The duties of a caregiver can take a physical and
16 emotional toll on the caregiver, including the difficulty for
17 caregivers to maintain a separate livelihood; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Law 111-163, the "Caregivers and Veterans

1 Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010," was signed into law on May
2 5, 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
4 Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program provides
5 critical support services and benefits, including education,
6 training, stress management and support groups, to caregivers of
7 post-9/11 veterans; and

8 WHEREAS, Current law excludes pre-9/11 veterans from
9 participating in the program; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the RAND Corporation, of the 5.5
11 million military caregivers in the United States, only 19.6% are
12 providing care to post-9/11 veterans, leaving a large population
13 of caregivers without assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, Expansion of the program to caregivers of all
15 veterans would create an equitable system and equitable access
16 for veterans of all service eras; and

17 WHEREAS, The Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 believes that the veterans benefits and services available to
19 caregivers of post-9/11 veterans be made available to veterans
20 of all service eras; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
22 urge the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 2894, the
23 "Caregivers Access and Responsible Expansion for All Veterans
24 Act" or the "CARE for All Veterans Act," which expands
25 eligibility for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
26 Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
29 the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Veterans
30 Affairs and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.