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I hope this message finds you safe as we are now in a new year 2021.

As Congress opens up the 117<sup>th</sup> Session, I wanted to share with you one of the bills that will be important regarding our Veterans.

S. 2216/H.R. 4451 – Transparency and Effective Accountability Measure for Veteran Caregivers Act: TEAM Veterans Care Act.

This bill was introduced on July 23, 2019. It then passed both the Senate and House. This bill was signed into action on December 21, 2020 and has been presented to the President.

Overview: “A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for the family caregiver program, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, and for other purposes.”

Caregivers recognized,

- any family caregiver who is approved as a provider of personal care services for an eligible veteran under the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers under subsection (a) of [Section 1720G of Title 38](#), United States Code; and
- any caregiver of a covered veteran participating in the program of general caregiver support services under subsection (b) of such section.

The American Legion Auxiliary will continue to support The American Legion as we go into the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. Unfortunately, the DC Conference has been cancelled for 2021, but we will be able to attend via virtual meetings.

Until then, stay safe!

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