

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 659

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals to give priority to individuals with certain professional experience in recommending such individuals to serve as members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Law Judge  
5       Experience Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN PRO-**  
7                       **FESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN APPOINTMENTS**  
8                       **TO BOARD OF VETERANS’ APPEALS.**

9       Subsection (a) of section 7101A of title 38, United  
10       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11       lowing new paragraph:

12       “(3) In recommending individuals to the Secretary to  
13       serve as members of the Board, the Chairman shall give  
14       priority to individuals with three or more years of legal  
15       professional experience in areas that pertain to the laws  
16       administered by the Secretary.”.

          Passed the House of Representatives January 20,  
2026.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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