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The Veterans Accessibility Act of 2023

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Veterans with disabilities have a right to equal access to programs, services, and information at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Yet, recent Congressional oversight found that VA has failed to consistently make its websites, kiosks, and other technology accessible for people with disabilities, as required by law. Over 60 million adults in the United States have a disability, including over one-quarter of our Nation's veterans. Older adults are more likely to develop a disability, including more than 8 million veterans age 65 or older. Older adults in general are a rapidly growing segment of America's population, making accessibility essential for maintaining access to programs and benefits. This legislation provides veterans and people with disabilities a voice to improve accessibility at VA, so no one is left behind.

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The Veterans Accessibility Act of 2023 will establish a Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access at VA. The advisory committee will issue regular reports on VA's compliance with federal disability laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act. The reports will include recommendations for improving VA's compliance, and will be shared with Congress, the public, and agencies that oversee the Nation's disability laws. Veterans with disabilities will be among the advisory committee's members, ensuring that their voices are heard.

Supporting Organizations

The Veterans Accessibility Act is supported by the following organizations:

Blinded Veterans Association
Disabled American Veterans
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
National Association of the Deaf
National Disability Rights Network
Paralyzed Veterans of America
United Spinal Association/VetsFirst
Vietnam Veterans of America
Wounded Warrior Project