

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2554

To improve the ability of separating or retiring members of the Armed Forces to seek services provided by county veterans service officers.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

---

## A BILL

To improve the ability of separating or retiring members of the Armed Forces to seek services provided by county veterans service officers.

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 “Know Your Vets Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTY VETERANS**  
6 **SERVICE OFFICERS.**

7 (a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of  
8 Defense shall ensure that a member of the Armed Forces  
9 who is separating or retiring from the Armed Forces may

1 elect to have the Department of Defense form DD–214  
2 of the member transmitted to the appropriate county vet-  
3 erans service officer based on the mailing address provided  
4 by the member.

5 (b) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordi-  
6 nation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall main-  
7 tain a database of all county veterans service officers.

8 (c) COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER DE-  
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “county veterans service  
10 officer” means an employee of a county government, local  
11 government, or Tribal government who is covered by sec-  
12 tion 14.629(a)(2) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

○