

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8354

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## AN ACT

To establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemembers and  
3 Veterans Initiative Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS INITIATIVE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
6 Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil  
7 Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

8 (b) DUTIES.—The Servicemembers and Veterans Ini-  
9 tiative shall—

10 (1) serve as legal and policy advisor to the At-  
11 torney General on the Department of Justice’s ef-  
12 forts to enforce criminal and civil laws that impact  
13 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

14 (2) develop policy recommendations for the At-  
15 torney General on how the Department of Justice  
16 may improve enforcement of Federal law to support  
17 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

18 (3) serve as the liaison and point of contact be-  
19 tween the Department of Justice and the military  
20 departments;

21 (4) provide counsel to the Assistant Attorney  
22 General for the Office of Justice Programs to ensure  
23 funding decisions take into account servicemembers,  
24 veterans, and their families;

1           (5) consult with components of the Department  
2 of Justice to promote the provision of civil legal aid  
3 to servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

4           (6) serve as a liaison and point of contact with  
5 the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Divi-  
6 sion of the Department of Justice, with respect to  
7 the prosecution of Federal crimes involving fraud  
8 that target servicemembers; and

9           (7) serve as a liaison and point of contact with  
10 other components of the Department of Justice as  
11 needed to support the enforcement of other Federal  
12 laws that protect servicemembers and veterans, as  
13 the Attorney General determines appropriate.

Passed the House of Representatives December 8,  
2020.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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