

Union Calendar No. 263

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 659

[Report No. 119–309]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. SOTO, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Mr. GARCIA of California

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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.”.

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