



Resolution 19-3

For

MNGEA / EANGUS Resolutions Process

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Category (Joint, ARNG, ANG): Joint

Passed

Type Resolution - NEW

Relating To - VA Overpayments

Background -

Senators Jon Tester (D-MT), John Boozman (R-AR), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) recently introduced legislation to prevent the VA from charging veterans for its own accounting mistakes. Every year VA sends thousands of overpayment notices to veterans (active and reserve components), which can result in crippling debt and VA withholding future benefits payments until the debt is paid. But in most cases, VA is responsible for the overpayment, not the veteran. Tester, Boozman, and Brown introduced S. 805, the "Veterans Debt Fairness Act" to reduce these overpayment errors and require the VA to hold itself, and not veterans, accountable for its mistakes. Their legislation requires the VA to shoulder the debt burden of overpayments if the VA was responsible for the debt.

Proposed Recommendation -

Propose endorsement of these bills by MNGEA and move to have these forwarded to EANGUS at the national level.

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19-15 VA OVER-CHARGE PROCESS

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