

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 659

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals to give priority to individuals with certain professional experience in recommending such individuals to serve as members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.

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

A BILL

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN PRO-**
2 **FESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN APPOINTMENTS**
3 **TO BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS.**

4 Subsection (a) of section 7101A of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(3) In recommending individuals to the Secretary to
8 serve as members of the Board, the Chairman shall give
9 priority to individuals with three or more years of legal
10 professional experience in areas that pertain to the laws
11 administered by the Secretary.”.

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