

## **Bring Our Heroes Home Act**

### Section-by-Section Summary

Key provisions of the bill include:

- Section 1 – short title of “Bring Our Heroes Home Act.”
- Section 2 – findings, declarations and purposes, including that there has been insufficient priority placed on identifying, locating, reviewing, or declassifying records relating to Missing Armed Forces Personnel and then transferring the records to the National Archives for public access.
  - Legislation is necessary to create an enforceable, independent, and accountable process for the public disclosure of records relating to Missing Armed Forces Personnel.
- Section 3 – definitions.
- Section 4 – establishing the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection, including the index, criteria and regulations.
- Section 5 – identifying, locating, copying, and reviewing each Missing Armed Forces Personnel record in the custody, possession, or control of the Government office for transmission to the Archivist and disclosure to the public.
- Section 6 – lays out the specific grounds for postponement of public disclosure records.
- Section 7 and 8 – establishes the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Review Board and personnel, including the qualifications, compensation and duties of the individuals serving on the board.
- Section 9 – requires the Review Board to set a schedule to review records, including citing reasons for postponement and a notice to the public after determinations.
- Section 10 – allows the Review Board to request disclosure of other materials from the Attorney General.
- Section 11 – sets forth the rules of construction, including precedence over other laws.
- Sections 12 – terminated the Review Board when its members have been terminated, and allows for provisions of this Act to remain in effect until all Missing Armed Forces Personnel records have been made publically available.
- Section 13 – authorizes the appropriations necessary to carry out this Act.
- Section 14 – establishes the severability of this Act.