# HIV Criminalization Amendment to U.S. Defense Bill Approved

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The U.S. House of Representatives has approved an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to require the Department of Defense to review its policies and prosecutions related to HIV-positive members of the military, The American Independent reports. The bipartisan amendment would require a report in no later than 180 days after the bill becomes law. This is the first time Congress has voted on HIV criminalization since passing the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990, which required states to have a process to prosecute intentional HIV transmission. Representatives Barbara Lee (D–Calif.) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R–Fla.) introduced the amendment. Several other amendments related to foreign affairs make passage of the NDAA in its current form uncertain.

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