

**AMENDMENT TO THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL**
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At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. ____ . PROTECTIONS FOR NON-CITIZEN VETERANS IN
REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.**

(a) **Access to Legal Counsel.**—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to remove from the United States any veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States unless the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice certify that—

(1) the individual was provided access to legal counsel, at no cost to the government if necessary, and

(2) the individual was afforded a full and fair hearing in removal proceedings before an immigration judge consistent with current law.

(c) **Reporting Requirement.**— Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing—

(1) the number of non-citizen veterans placed in removal proceedings in the preceding fiscal year;

(2) the outcomes of such proceedings; and

(3) the legal representation status of each such veteran.