



## Congressional Legislative Endorsement

<b>Bill No. and Title:</b>	<b>H. R. 9478 <i>The Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy (SPORT) Act</i></b>
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Veterans' Affairs</b>
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-1)
<b>Co-Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6)
<b>Legislative history:</b>	House – 09/106/2014 Introduced House - 09/17/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<b>Summary of legislation:</b>	<p>The Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy (SPORT) Act would include adaptive prostheses and terminal devices in the VA medical services package for disabled veterans participating in sports and other recreational activities.</p> <p>This bill would guarantee that certain veterans can obtain specialized prostheses for sports and recreation to include: customized limbs for activities like running, swimming, golfing, skiing and cycling. This support would allow them to engage in sports and recreational activities that are crucial for their fitness, independence and good mental health.</p> <p>VA would not only furnish these devices, but also deliver training and support to assist veterans in effectively utilizing their new prostheses. Moreover, the legislation has the potential to promote research and the development of new adaptive technologies, guaranteeing veterans have access to state-of-the-art prosthetic and adaptive devices.</p> <p>DAV supports this draft bill in accordance with Resolution No. 429, which supports sufficient funding for VA prosthetics and sensory aids; promotion of physical activity and overall well-being among ill and injured veterans; and engagement in sports and recreational activities using adaptive equipment.</p>
<b>Link to text:</b>	<a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/9478/text">https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/9478/text</a>
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