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Veterans Benefits and Pensions Protection Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Mar 8, 2002

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1708)
(Mar 8, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 8, 2002
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 11, 2002
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 13, 2002
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 13, 2002
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 13, 2002
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 20, 2002
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2002
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 9, 2002
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Apr 9, 2002
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 18, 2002
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jun 6, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2237	Related bill	Dec 6, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-330.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2002)

Veterans Benefits and Pensions Protection Act of 2002 - Includes as a prohibited assignment of veterans' benefits any agreement entered into by a beneficiary under which another person acquires for consideration the right to receive any compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation of such beneficiary. Provides criminal penalties for violations.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an outreach program to inform veterans and other potential recipients of such compensation or pension of the prohibition against the assignment of such benefits, including information on various schemes to evade the prohibition and means of avoiding such schemes.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 8, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1707)
- **Mar 8, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1708)