

S 2079

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to facilitate and enhance judicial review of certain matters regarding veteran's benefits, and for other purposes.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Apr 9, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 29, 2002
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 9, 2002
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2002
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Aug 1, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 9, 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 Apr 9, 2002)

Allows only the Federal Circuit for the U.S. Court of Appeals to review and set aside changes made by the Department of Veterans Affairs to the schedule for veterans' disability ratings found to be arbitrary and capricious or in violation of a Federal statute.

Requires the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) to apply a preponderance of the evidence standard when reviewing findings of fact made by the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Permits the Federal Circuit to review CAVC decisions on questions of law.

Allows the CAVC, when awarding attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, to award compensation to qualified non-attorney representatives appearing before the CAVC.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 9, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 9, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2415-2416)
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