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S 2187

Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Care Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 17, 2002

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2 Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2841)

(Apr 17, 2002)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: WV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 17, 2002
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Apr 23, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 17, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 17, 2002)

Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Care Act of 2002 - Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, during and immediately following a disaster or emergency declared by the President or in which the National Disaster Medical System is activated, to furnish hospital care and medical services to individuals responding to, involved in, or otherwise affected by such disaster or emergency. Authorizes the Secretary, during such period, to: (1) furnish care and services to veterans without regard to their enrollment in the Department of Veterans Affairs annual patient enrollment system; and (2) give a higher priority to the care of individuals involved in or affected by the disaster or emergency over all other eligible groups except service-connected disabled veterans and active-duty military personnel responding to or involved in such disaster or emergency.

Authorizes the Secretary, during and immediately following such a disaster or emergency, to furnish hospital care and medical services to active-duty military personnel responding to or involved in such disaster or emergency. Provides a priority for such personnel over all other eligible groups except service-connected disabled veterans.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 17, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 17, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2840-2841)
- Apr 17, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2841)