

S 2229

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2002

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. (text of measure as introduced: CR S

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 23, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 23, 2002)

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2002 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase, as of December 1, 2002, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

Requires each such increase to be the same percentage as the increase in benefits provided under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, on the same effective date.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that: (1) the staffing and level of extended care services provided nationally in Department of Veterans Affairs facilities during any fiscal year are not less than that provided during FY 1998 (current law), excluding nursing home care; and (2) the average daily census of veterans in Department nursing homes, in community nursing homes pursuant to contract, and in State nursing homes for which the Secretary pays per diem to States for such care is not less in total than in FY 1998.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 23, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3168, S3169)
- **Apr 23, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3168-3169)