

S 2526

Veterans' Programs Amendments Act of 2002

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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 S4

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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	May 16, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans' Programs Amendments Act of 2002 - Extends the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a burial plot and interment allowance to State veterans' cemeteries for the burial of eligible veterans to include an allowance for all veterans, including peacetime veterans, eligible for burial in a national cemetery. (Currently, such authority is limited to payments with respect to wartime veterans or veterans discharged from active military service for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.)

Authorizes the Secretary to lease for up to three years undeveloped land and unused or underutilized buildings belonging to the National Cemetery System and to use the proceeds of such leases and agricultural licenses to assist cemetery operations and the maintenance of cemetery property.

Reinstates the one-year time limit that a veterans' benefits claimant has, after notification that a claim application is incomplete, to submit necessary information to the Secretary or lose the right to payment of the benefit in question.

Eliminates a reporting requirement relating to advance planning projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to the obligation of funds for a project specifically authorized by law prior to such obligation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 16, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4494-4496)
- **May 16, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4494-4495)