

HR 2667

Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Health Resources Access Improvement Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Nov 15, 2001
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Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Mar 13, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2001
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2001)

Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Health Resources Access Improvement Act of 2001 - Urges the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to commit their departments to exploring new ways for significantly improving health resources sharing and to building supportive organizational cultures.

Directs such Secretaries to: (1) conduct a demonstration project at five qualifying sites to identify advantages of providing integrated management of military treatment facilities and veterans' health care facilities in the same geographic area; and (2) provide for a unified management system for such facilities at each site. Authorizes each Secretary to waive administrative regulations or policies to implement the demonstration project. Terminates the project on September 30, 2006.

Directs the Secretaries to: (1) submit to the appropriate congressional committees a prospectus for construction of a new joint medical facility for their departments; (2) enter into a joint contract for an independent, comprehensive review to identify opportunities for joint funding for an integrated graduate medical education program; and (3) develop and implement a common affiliation agreement or contract for graduate medical education purposes at project locations.

Requires (current law authorizes) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to share health care resources with the Secretaries of the military departments.

Repeals current Department of Veterans Affairs hospital bed limits.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD, Veterans' Affairs.
- **Aug 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 13, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD, Veterans' Affairs.
- **Aug 13, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 27, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Jul 27, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1457-1458)
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