

## S 278

### Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2001

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Feb 7, 2001)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]

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

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 7, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 7, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2001
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 27, 2001
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 13, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2001
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 19, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 21, 2001
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Mar 27, 2001
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 14, 2001
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 20, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 27, 2001
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Dec 6, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 30, 2002

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2001

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 7, 2001)

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Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act - Includes as an employee, for purposes of Federal provisions authorizing enrollment under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: (1) a member of the armed forces who began service before June 7, 1956, and retired after a minimum of 20 years of such service or by reason of a service-connected disability; and (2) the surviving widow or widower of such member.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the Office of Personnel Management to provide FEHB coverage to the following eligible beneficiaries: (1) a member or former member entitled to military retired or retainer pay; (2) an unmarried former spouse who was married to a member for at least 20 years, during which such member performed at least 20 years of retirement-creditable military service; (3) a dependent of a deceased qualifying member or former member; (4) a dependent of a living member or former member; and (5) a family member.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 7, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1134-1135)
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.