

HR 3017

Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Enhancement Act of 2001

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 31, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 3447	Related bill	Jan 23, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-135.
107 S 1188	Identical bill	Oct 10, 2001: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 190.

Summary (as of Oct 3, 2001)

Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Enhancement Act of 2001 - Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs employee incentive scholarship program to: (1) repeal a provision requiring commencement of participation in the program prior to December 31, 2001; (2) reduce from two years to one the required period of continuous Department employment for program participation; (3) revise scholarship amounts; and (4) increase from three to six years the number of school years for which a scholarship may be paid while limiting the total payment to the cost of three years of full-time coursework. Repeals a provision terminating on December 31, 2001, the education debt reduction program. Increases the maximum debt reduction amount under such program and allows the annual adjustment of such amount. Allows the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, until December 31, 2001, to expand the number of individuals eligible under such program.

Authorizes additional pay for Saturday duty for health care professionals in the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Allows unused sick leave to be included in the annuity computation for VHA registered nurses.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) evaluate the efficacy of the Department's nurse managed health care clinics; (2) establish a nationwide policy on the staffing of Department medical facilities; (3) report on the use of authorities for retaining experienced nurses; and (4) report on mandatory overtime required of licensed nurses and nurse assistants providing direct patient care.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 31, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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