

S 457

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
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Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (Jun 28, 2001)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]
Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]	R · VT		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Mar 6, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 28, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2001)

Considers hepatitis C becoming manifest in a veteran to a degree of ten percent or more to be service-connected, and therefore compensable under veterans' disability provisions, notwithstanding that there is no record of evidence of such illness during the period of such service, as long as it is shown that during such service the veteran experienced: (1) a blood transfusion before December 31, 1992; (2) blood exposure on or through skin or a mucous membrane; (3) hemodialysis; (4) a needle-stick accident or medical event involving a needle, not due to willful misconduct; (5) unexplained liver disease; (6) an unexplained liver dysfunction value or test; or (7) working in a health-care position or specialty.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2001:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Mar 5, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1826-1827)
- **Mar 5, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.