

## HR 4714

To prohibit members of the Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia from being required or formally or informally compelled to wear the abaya garment, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** May 14, 2002

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

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (May 15, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/4714>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 14, 2002
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-22]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 14, 2002
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 14, 2002
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		May 14, 2002
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		May 14, 2002
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 14, 2002
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		May 14, 2002
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 14, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2002
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2002

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 14, 2002)

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Prohibits a member of the U.S. armed forces from being required or compelled to wear the abaya garment, or any part thereof, while in Saudi Arabia pursuant to a permanent change of station or orders for temporary duty. Requires the Secretary of Defense to inform such personnel of such prohibition, both orally and in writing, within ten days after a member's arrival.

Prohibits any funds made available to the Department of Defense from being used to purchase abayas for such personnel or for contractor personnel accompanying such forces.

Authorizes the commander of the United States Central Command to require the wearing of the abaya in specific circumstances that constitute an operational requirement essential for the conduct of the military mission.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
- **May 14, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
- **May 14, 2002:** Mr. Ryun (KS) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 14, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2422-2427)
- **May 14, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4714.
- **May 14, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2422-2423)
- **May 14, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2422-2423)
- **May 14, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.