

## HR 5060

Veterans Right-To-Know Act of 2002

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 22, 2002
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Veterans Right-To-Know Act of 2002 - Requires the Secretary of Defense to identify each developmental or operational test of the Department of Defense (DOD) involving chemical or biological weapons, or defense against such weapons, in which military personnel or civilians were or may have been exposed to actual or simulated hazardous agents, with or without their knowledge or consent.

Requires the Comptroller General to establish within the General Accounting Office an Oversight Working Group on Biological and Chemical Testing to: (1) review DOD chemical and biological test activities that involved exposure to military personnel or civilians; (2) report to Congress information concerning Project SHAD (DOD tests to evaluate the effectiveness of shipboard detection and protective procedures against chemical and biological warfare agents) and Project 112 (DOD tests in and around Alaska using chemical and biological agents); (3) continue to review DOD investigations of any other cases of DOD chemical or biological testing; and (4) identify veterans and veterans organizations with significant information involving such test projects and seek to have that information made available to the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) notify any veterans who may have been exposed, with instructions on how to receive a health care evaluation; and (2) review declassified material to determine any lasting health effects that may have been incurred by exposed veterans.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Introduced in House
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