

## HR 5082

Veterans' Prescription Drug and Surviving Spouses Assistance Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 9, 2002

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2002
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Jul 9, 2002
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Jul 9, 2002
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Jul 9, 2002
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-5]	D · MS		Jul 9, 2002
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Jul 15, 2002
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 24, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2002
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2002
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Veterans' Prescription Drug and Surviving Spouses Assistance Act of 2002 - Suspends, for five years, the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the required copayment for medication furnished to veterans on an outpatient basis for the treatment of non-service-connected disabilities.

Increases the maximum annual rates of pensions for surviving spouses of war veterans. Amends the Social Security Act to exclude the amount of such rate increases from a surviving spouse's income for purposes of Medicaid (title XIX) eligibility.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Aug 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 16, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Introduced in House
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