

HR 5235

Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation 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
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2987	Identical bill	Sep 20, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jul 25, 2002)

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Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation Act of 2002 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay special monthly compensation to each veteran who is a former prisoner of war and was detained or interned for at least 30 days. Provides various rates of payment, ranging from \$150 for those detained for between 30 and 120 days to a maximum of \$450 for those detained more than 540 days. States that such special compensation shall: (1) be in addition to any other authorized payments; and (2) shall not be considered income for purposes of eligibility under any Federal or federally assisted program.

Prohibits the payment of veterans' disability compensation for any alcohol- or drug-related disability even if the abuse is secondary to a service-connected disability.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
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