

HR 5447

Women Discharged From the Military Due to Pregnancy Relief Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 4, 2002
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 25, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Women Discharged From the Military Due to Pregnancy Relief Act of 2002 - Expresses the sense of Congress that women who served in the U.S. armed forces before February 23, 1976, should not have been involuntarily discharged due to pregnancy and expresses remorse for the women who endured unnecessary and discriminatory actions because they became pregnant while a member of the armed forces.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to identify and pay each woman who was so discharged or separated between June 12, 1948, and February 23, 1976, an amount equal to the total pay and allowances that would have been due had such person not been involuntarily discharged.

Directs the Secretary of Education to provide for the discharge or cancellation of the Federal student loan indebtedness of an offspring who was the cause of such a woman's discharge or separation.

Makes health benefits provided as a result of military service available to such women and offspring.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish a single standard discharge code for such women.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should establish policies to encourage such women to continue to serve the Nation.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 25, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
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