

S 1213

Filipino Veterans' Benefits Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jun 9, 2003

Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (Jul 29, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Jul 11, 2003
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 9, 2003
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Sep 16, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 17, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 29, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Filipino Veterans' Benefits Act of 2003 - Requires (current law authorizes) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hospital and nursing home care and medical services to any individual who is a Commonwealth Army veteran or new Philippine Scout (current law) and who is: (1) residing in the United States; and (2) a U.S. citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

Provides a rate of payment equal to the rate provided for active-service veterans and their survivors for dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of Commonwealth Army veterans or new Philippine Scouts.

Extends through 2008 the authority to operate a Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in the Republic of the Philippines.

Provides national cemetery burial benefits for new Philippine Scouts residing in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2003:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jul 10, 2003:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7550, S7551-7552)
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7550-7551)

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