

HR 1309

Veterans Prescription Drug Benefits Act of 2003

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Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 20, 2003
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 10, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans Prescription Drug Benefits Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a prescription drug benefit program under which drugs and medicines are furnished to eligible veterans on prescription of a duly licensed physician or other authorized health care professional who is not an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs, subject to the payment of any required premium and copayment. Makes eligible for the program Priority 1 veterans (those with service-connected disabilities rated 50 percent or more) and Medicare-eligible veterans. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reimburse the Secretary for the costs of drugs and medicine furnished to the Medicare-eligible veterans under the program.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) develop and maintain a database of veterans who enrolled in and applied for the program; and (2) implement a computerized patient profile system for program participants.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 25, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 18, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E496-497)
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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