

HR 1460

Veterans Entrepreneurship and Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		May 8, 2003
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 8, 2003
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 8, 2003
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 8, 2003
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 13, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 13, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		May 13, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 20, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 3, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 27, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 7, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 241	Procedurally related	Dec 16, 2003: See Public Law 108-183.
108 HR 761	Procedurally related	Dec 16, 2003: See Public Law 108-183.
108 HR 1949	Procedurally related	Dec 16, 2003: See Public Law 108-183.
108 HR 2297	Procedurally related	Dec 16, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-183.

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2003)

Veterans Entrepreneurship and Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Authorizes a State agency to approve entrepreneurship (business education) courses for attendance by veterans using veterans' basic educational assistance provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from treating a business owner as already qualified for such purposes. Includes entrepreneurship courses within authorized programs of veterans' education assistance.

Amends the Small Business Act to authorize a Federal contracting officer to award a sole source contract to any certified small business (one owned and controlled by service-disabled (qualified) veterans) if: (1) the certified business is determined to be responsible with respect to the performance of the contract opportunity and the contracting officer does not expect two or more such businesses to submit offers for such contract; (2) the anticipated award price of the contract will not exceed a specified amount; and (3) the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price. Allows a contracting officer to restrict contract competition to such businesses if the officer can reasonably expect two or more such businesses to submit offers. Directs the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), at least every three years, to: (1) complete a survey of qualified veterans receiving such benefits; and (2) report survey results to Congress. Prohibits a contracting officer from making a procurement under this Act: (1) unless the officer has determined that such procurement cannot be made on the basis of a preference provided under another provision of the Small Business Act; or (2) if the procurement would otherwise be made from a different source under provisions of the Federal criminal code governing Government procurement of prisoner products or services or of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Outlines the appropriate order of priority, with the highest priority under small business start-up loans guaranteed by the SBA. Provides priority requirements with respect to a contracting officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Terminates that priority with respect to Department procurements after FY 2007.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide adapted housing assistance to certain categories of disabled military personnel (having suffered loss of limbs, organs, partial blindness or deafness, etc.) serving on active duty if the disability is the result of an injury or disease contracted or aggravated during such duty.

Increases from 65 to 85 the percentage of the number of purchases during a fiscal year of real property acquired by the Secretary as a result of default on guaranteed loans for the purchase or construction of homes for veterans that may be financed by a loan made by the Secretary.

Requires the payment of all accrued monetary benefits (currently limited to two years' worth) of a deceased veteran's beneficiary to the veteran or any other surviving dependent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5743-5744)
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 - 0 (Roll no. 304).(text: CR 6/23/2003 H5675-5676)
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- **Jun 24, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 23, 2003:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 23, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5675-5679)
- **Jun 23, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1460.
- **Jun 23, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-142, Part I.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-142, Part I.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** House Committee on Small Business Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than July 7, 2003.
- **May 15, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 7, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 7, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 30, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Mar 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 27, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E603)
- **Mar 27, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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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