

HR 1718

To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the four-year terms specified by law for certain officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 10, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 21, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 6, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2003)

Repeals the four-year terms for the following positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs: (1) Under Secretary for Health; (2) Under Secretary for Benefits; and (3) specified officials within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health. Requires the directors of the principal geographic service areas of the Department to be appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Requires: (1) the Secretary to communicate the reasons for removing any director to the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees; and (2) reassignment to a former position of an employee removed as a director for reasons other than cause, if the employee relinquished the former position to accept the director position.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E756)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Introduced in House
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