

HR 1838

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the presumptions of service-connection relating to diseases and disabilities of former prisoners of war.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: See Public Law 108-183. (Dec 16, 2003)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

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

Summary (as of Apr 29, 2003)

Revises Federal provisions relating to the presumption of service-connection for certain diseases manifest in former prisoners of war to consider the following diseases to have been incurred in or aggravated by military service without any minimum period of internment (currently, internment of at least 30 days is required): psychosis; any of the anxiety states; dysthymic disorder; organic residuals of frostbite when consistent with prisoner conditions; and post-traumatic osteoarthritis.

Adds cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases which will be considered as having been incurred in or aggravated by such service if: (1) the veteran was interned for at least 30 days; and (2) the disease becomes manifest to a degree of ten percent or more after active military service.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2003:** See Public Law 108-183.
- **Nov 19, 2003:** Provision incorporated. See H. R. 2297, as amended, Title II, Section 201.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Provision incorporated. See H. R. 2297, Section 11.
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Apr 29, 2003:** Introduced in House
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