

S 1846

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Nov 11, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 11, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 11, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3455	Related bill	Nov 13, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

Summary (as of Nov 11, 2003)

Presumes to be service-connected, and therefore compensable through veterans' disability compensation, hepatitis C becoming manifest to a degree of ten percent or more after active-duty military service with respect to veterans who, during a period of such service: (1) received a transfusion of blood or blood products before December 31, 1992; (2) were exposed to blood through the skin; (3) underwent hemodialysis; (4) experienced a needle-stick injury, not due to the veteran's willful misconduct; (5) were diagnosed with unexplained liver disease; or (6) served in a health-care position or specialty under circumstances to be prescribed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 11, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S14453-14454)
- **Nov 11, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.