

S 1847

Veterans Comprehensive Hepatitis C Health Care Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **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

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 73	Identical bill	Feb 20, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Veterans Comprehensive Hepatitis C Health Care Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, during the first year after the enactment of this Act, to provide a blood test for the Hepatitis C virus to: (1) each veteran who served on active military duty during the Vietnam era, or who is considered to be "at risk," and who is enrolled to receive veterans' medical care and requests such test or is otherwise receiving a physical examination or any other care or treatment from the Secretary; and (2) any other veteran who requests such test. Requires the Secretary, after such period, to provide such test to any veteran who requests it. Requires the Secretary to provide followup tests and appropriate treatment for any veteran who tests positive. Prohibits a copayment from being charged for such treatment.

Provides funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Hepatitis C detection and treatment programs, beginning with FY 2004.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) develop and implement a standardized Department policy with respect to such virus; and (2) annually take appropriate outreach actions to notify untested veterans.

Directs the Secretary to establish at least one, and no more than three, additional Hepatitis C centers of excellence within the Department health care network. Provides funding.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 11, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S14392, S14454-14455)
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