

HR 1951

VA Medical Workforce Enhancement Act of 2003

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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

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1156	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-170.
108 HR 2433	Procedurally related	Sep 11, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of May 5, 2003)

VA Medical Workforce Enhancement Act of 2003 - States that: (1) current collective bargaining requirements within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) shall not preclude the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and any labor organization representing VHA employees from entering into a collective bargaining agreement with respect to the numbers, types, and grades of employees, the number of patients assigned to physicians, physicians assistants, or nurses, and employee-to-patient ratios within any VHA medical facility, clinic, or organizational subdivision; and (2) nothing shall limit the right or ability of any labor organization representing such employees from engaging in collective bargaining with respect to VHA promotion processes. Provides that when a VHA registered nurse has accomplished the performance elements of promotion to the next higher grade, the lack of a specific type of educational degree shall not be an impediment to such promotion.

Authorizes additional pay for Saturday VHA nursing duty.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a program to develop nurse preceptors to act as mentors to newly hired registered nurses at Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2003:** See Public Law 108-170.
- **Nov 19, 2003:** Certain provisions incorporated. See S. 1156, Title III, Section 303.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Certain provisions incorporated. See H. R. 2433, Section 3, and Section 4.
- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 5, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **May 5, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.