

HR 1984

Filipino Veterans Fairness Act

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Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 6, 2003)

Filipino Veterans Fairness Act - Provides the rate of payment of dependency and indemnity compensation for the surviving spouses of former members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army or new Philippine Scouts who served with U.S. armed forces during World War II and became U.S. citizens or lawfully resided in the United States. Makes such veterans eligible for: (1) payment of compensation (\$100 per month) for service-connected disability; (2) hospital and nursing home care and medical services in the United States in the same manner as U.S. veterans; (3) veterans' housing loans made or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and (4) vocational rehabilitation as well as job counseling, training, and placement.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish outpatient health care at the Manila Outpatient Clinic in the Republic of the Philippines for such veterans residing in the Philippines.

Makes spouses of such veterans eligible for veterans' educational assistance. Makes the rate of assistance for such spouses and children residing in the United States equal to the rate for the dependents of U.S. veterans. Makes such spouses and dependents eligible for job counseling, training, and placement benefits.

Requires the Secretary to ensure that at least one member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans is a Commonwealth Army veteran or new Philippine Scout.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 6, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E878)
- **May 6, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.