

## HR 2217

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Sponsor

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

**Cosponsors** (56 total)

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Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jul 9, 2003
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 9, 2003
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jul 9, 2003
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 9, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 4, 2003
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Oct 16, 2003
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Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Nov 7, 2003
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Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Nov 7, 2003
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Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Nov 7, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Nov 7, 2003
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Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Nov 20, 2003
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Dec 8, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jan 20, 2004
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Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Mar 2, 2004
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 31, 2004
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2004

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Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 12, 2004
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 13, 2004
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		May 19, 2004
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 19, 2004
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-10]	D · TX		May 20, 2004
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 20, 2004
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 20, 2004
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 2, 2004
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 2, 2004
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Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 9, 2004
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jun 25, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1124	Related bill	<b>Jul 10, 2003:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

### Summary (as of May 22, 2003)

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Increases the authorized allowance for burial and funeral expenses for deceased veterans who: (1) at the time of death were in receipt of veterans' disability compensation or veterans' pension benefits; or (2) were veterans of any war or were discharged or released from active military service for a service-connected disability and for whom there is no next of kin or sufficient resources to cover funeral and burial costs. Increases the burial plot allowance for veterans who, at the time of death, were receiving hospital or nursing home care in or through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Authorizes the annual adjustment of such allowances based on increases in Social Security benefits.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 12, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2279)
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **May 22, 2003:** Introduced in House
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