

HR 2357

Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jun 5, 2003

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

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 22, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jun 17, 2003
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Jul 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 24, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2352	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: See Public Law 108-170.
108 HR 2414	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: -See Public Law 108-170.
108 S 1156	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-170.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on July 10, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2003 - Authorizes the appointment of, and provision of medical care by, chiropractors within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Includes chiropractors within VHA provisions concerning: (1) qualifications of appointees, periods of appointment, and pay grades; (2) temporary and part-time appointments; (3) residencies and internships; (4) malpractice and negligence protection; (5) treatment as scarce medical specialists for contracting purposes; (6) reimbursement for continuing professional education expenses; and (7) collective bargaining exemptions.

Directs (current law authorizes) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hospital and nursing home care and medical services for any illness or injury that is a service-connected disability of any Commonwealth Army veteran or new Philippine Scout who: (1) is residing in the United States; and (2) is a citizen or lawfully admitted alien for permanent residence. Requires the Secretary to certify to the congressional veterans' committees, for each fiscal year, that sufficient resources are available to provide such care and services.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Mr. Simmons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7187-7189)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2357.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7187)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7187)
- **Jul 21, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 21, 2003:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-198.
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- **Jul 10, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 102.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 5, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5032-5033)
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.