

## HR 2379

Rural Veterans Access to Care Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

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

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

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Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 23, 2003
Rep. Chocola, Chris [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jul 24, 2003
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Rep. DeMint, Jim [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jul 25, 2003
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jul 25, 2003
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 3, 2003

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Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Sep 4, 2003
Rep. Hoekstra, Peter [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Sep 25, 2003
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Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Nov 19, 2004

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 30, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 5, 2003)

Rural Veterans Access to Care Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that no less than five percent of the funds made available each fiscal year for the Medical Care appropriation of the Department of Veterans Affairs are used to improve access to medical services for highly rural or geographically remote veterans, including the use of such funds for: (1) acute or chronic symptom management; (2) nontherapeutic medical services; and (3) other appropriate medical services as determined by the director of the geographic service region involved. Provides for the allocation of such funds to such service regions.

Requires review of the operation of this Act and, if necessary, recommendation for an adjustment to the percentage of Medical Care funds required for such purpose.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 9, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H993)
- **Sep 30, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5798-5799)
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 5, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.