

HR 2433

Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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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. (Sep 11, 2003)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Jun 11, 2003
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jun 23, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2003
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2003
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Jun 26, 2003
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2003
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jul 15, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 24, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 11, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1951	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: See Public Law 108-170.
108 S 1156	Procedurally related	Dec 6, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-170.
108 S 1694	Identical bill	Oct 1, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12283)

Summary (as of Jul 16, 2003)

Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003 - Makes a veteran who participated in a test conducted by the Department of Defense Deseret Test Center as part of a program for chemical and biological warfare testing from 1962 through 1973 (including the program designated as Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD) and related land-based tests) eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care through the Department of Veterans Affairs for any illness, notwithstanding that there is insufficient medical evidence to conclude that such illness is attributable to such testing. Terminates such eligibility after December 31, 2005.

(Sec. 3) Prohibits the lack of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from being a bar to, or resulting in the denial of, a promotion to the next higher grade for a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) registered nurse who has accomplished required performance elements.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes additional pay for Saturday VHA nursing duty.

(Sec. 5) Allows: (1) employees of the Veterans' Canteen Service (Service) to be considered for appointment to a Department position in the competitive service in the same manner that Department employees in the competitive service are considered for transfer to Service positions; and (2) former Service employees to count their previous period of employment toward the time-in-service requirement of a Department position in the competitive service.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 10, 2003:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 10, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8094-8097)
- **Sep 10, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2433.
- **Sep 10, 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 H8094-8095)
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- **Sep 10, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 10, 2003:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 18, 2003:** Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 16, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-213.
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- **Jul 16, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 119.
- **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 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 11, 2003:** Introduced in House
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