

## HR 2874

Improving Access to Prescription Drug Benefits for Veterans Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 24, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 22, 2003)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 22, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 24, 2003)

Improving Access to Prescription Drug Benefits for Veterans Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a prescription drug benefit program under which drugs and medicines are furnished to eligible veterans on prescription of a duly licensed physician or other authorized health care professional who is not an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs, subject to the payment of any required premium and copayment. Makes eligible for the program any veteran who: (1) is enrolled in the Department health care system; (2) seeks an initial appointment with a Department physician or other health-care provider to obtain a prescription; and (3) can not obtain such an appointment until more than 30 days later.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish required premiums and copayments; (2) maintain records of the costs of the program; and (3) implement a computerized patient profile system for program participants.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 22, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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