

HR 2875

To establish procedures for consideration of applications for award of the Purple Heart medal to veterans who were held as prisoners of war before April 25, 1962.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 24, 2003)

Amends the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 to provide for the awarding of the Purple Heart to members held as prisoners of war before April 25, 1962, who were wounded while in captivity or who, while in captivity, were subjected to deprivation of food and medical treatment and to other forms of mistreatment. Requires the Secretary of the military department concerned to inform the former prisoner that historical information about the prison camp and other appropriate circumstances may be considered by the Secretary in evaluating an application for award of the Purple Heart and that the former prisoner may submit such information. Directs such Secretary to take into account the length of time that the award applicant was held in captivity to help determine whether the former prisoner was likely to have been wounded, starved, or denied medical treatment.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 15, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1613-1614)
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