

HR 3387

Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: -See Public Law 108-170.

Latest Action: -See Public Law 108-170. (Dec 6, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

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

Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care to a newborn child of a veteran who is receiving maternity care furnished through the Department of Veterans Affairs for up to 14 days after the birth of the child if the veteran delivered the child in a Department facility or a non-Department facility under a Department contract for delivery services.

Repeals a provision which excludes certain vocational rehabilitation services from those authorized to be provided to ill or disabled veterans. Authorizes the Secretary to furnish: (1) work skills training and development services; (2) employment support services; and (3) job development and placement services.

Extends through 2008 Department authority to provide specialized hospital, medical, and nursing home care to: (1) Vietnam-era herbicide-exposed veterans; and (2) Persian Gulf War veterans.

Requires an individual applying for any medical care through the Department to furnish the Secretary with information on any health-plan contract under which such individual is covered. Authorizes the Secretary to deny any application not containing such information.

Extends through: (1) 2008 Department authority to lease to nonprofit organizations or States real property on which veterans have defaulted on Department-guaranteed loans; (2) 2009 certain annual reports; and (3) 2008 the provision of readjustment counseling for Vietnam-era veterans.

Makes permanent (currently expires December 31, 2004) Department authority to provide sexual trauma counseling to veterans.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2003:** -See Public Law 108-170.
- **Nov 19, 2003:** -Similar provision incorporated. See S. 1156, Title I, Section 104, and Title IV, Sections 404 and 405.
- **Nov 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 30, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2158-2159)
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Introduced in House
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