

HR 3455

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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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 1846	Related bill	Nov 11, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Presumes to be service-connected, and therefore compensable through veterans' disability compensation, hepatitis C becoming manifest to a degree of ten percent or more after active-duty military service with respect to veterans who, during a period of such service: (1) received a transfusion of blood or blood products before December 31, 1992; (2) were exposed to blood on or through the skin or a mucous membrane; (3) underwent hemodialysis; (4) experienced a needle-stick accident or medical event involving a needle, not due to the veteran's willful misconduct; (5) were diagnosed with or experienced unexplained liver disease or dysfunction; or (6) served in a health-care position or specialty under circumstances to be prescribed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
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