

HR 348

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 29, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4175	Procedurally related	Oct 25, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-363.

Summary (as of Jan 27, 2003)

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2003 - Amends Federal veterans' benefits provisions with respect to former prisoners of war to repeal the currently required: (1) 30-day minimum period of internment prior to the presumption of service connection for certain listed diseases, for purposes of the payment of veterans' disability compensation; and (2) 90-day minimum period of internment prior to eligibility for dental care furnished through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Adds the following to the listed diseases under (1), above: heart disease, stroke, liver disease, diabetes (type 2), and osteoporosis. Requires: (1) such presumption also with respect to any disease that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines warrants such presumption by reason of having a positive association with the experience of being a prisoner of war; and (2) the Secretary to make such a determination within 60 days after a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War that such presumption be established for a non-listed disease.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2004:** Provision incorporated. See H. R. 4175, Section 4.
- **Apr 29, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Jan 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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