

HR 5332

Matthew Boisvert Help Extend Respect Owed to Every Soldier (HEROES) Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred To | Oct 8, 2004 |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 21, 2004 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Matthew Boisvert Help Extend Respect Owed to Every Soldier (HEROES) Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to allow certain military and veterans' service organizations access to veterans being furnished hospital care and medical services, subject to the consent of such veterans, for the purpose of providing information and counseling to such veterans.

Authorizes payment or reimbursement up to \$250 for civilian clothing and personal care products for members of the Armed Forces (members) who are evacuated for medical treatment.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish minimum uniform standards for postdeployment medical examinations. Requires that such examinations include screening for mental health disorders.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) provide veterans who live more than 50 miles from a Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) medical facility with vouchers for psychiatric services at private facilities; (2) establish and maintain a health status registry for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Rescinds a DVA Memorandum dated July 18, 2002, entitled "Status of VHA Enrollment and Associated Issues."

Directs the Secretary of each military department to establish a support system for members who incur severe disabilities on or after September 11, 2001, to assist in the transition to civilian life. Directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program of employment training for veterans.

Directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide mortgage assistance to members who were seriously injured while on active duty.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 3, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Oct 21, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
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