

## HR 5391

### Prevention of and Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the Military Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Nov 18, 2004

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Nov 18, 2004)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2004
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Prevention of and Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the Military Act - Establishes in the Department of Defense (DOD) an Office of the Victims' Advocate for access to services for victims and survivors of domestic or family violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the military (hereinafter, crimes). Requires: (1) the Secretary of Defense (Secretary) to establish an interdisciplinary council to coordinate and oversee DOD victims' programs; and (2) the Secretary of each military department to establish their own council for such purposes.

Directs the commanding officer of a military unit who receives a complaint alleging such a crime by a member of the military or civilian DOD employee to carry out a full investigation and submit a final report on investigation results.

Requires the Secretary to implement written policies regarding arrest procedures for domestic violence incidents.

Establishes a Director of Special Investigations to compile and report information concerning such crimes.

Provides for the protection of persons reporting incidents of sexual assault or domestic violence.

Authorizes the Secretary to award contracts to support DOD crisis intervention services for victims of such crimes. Provides for medical care and treatment for victims. Authorizes the creation of military-civilian shelter programs for crime victims.

Amends the Federal criminal code and Uniform Code of Military Justice to revise or establish enforcement provisions related to such crimes.

Provides for military law enforcement of victims' rights, including restitution.

Extends or increases Department of Veterans Affairs counseling and treatment programs with respect to such crimes.

Provides for: (1) enhanced treatment services for perpetrators; and (2) DOD prevention and intervention training.

Requires DOD research with respect to crime prevention, needs assessment, services, and accountability.

Directs the Secretary to convene a summit and a national conference to deal with issues surrounding such crimes.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 18, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2066-2067)
- **Nov 18, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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