

S 647

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for Department of Defense funding of continuation of health benefits plan coverage for certain Reserves called or ordered to active duty and their dependents, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate
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Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3995-3996)
Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3995-3996) (Mar 19, 2003)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 20, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 20, 2003
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 20, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 21, 2003
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 24, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 27, 2003
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 31, 2003
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 28, 2003
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		May 1, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 8, 2003
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2197	Identical bill	Jul 18, 2003: Executive Comment Requested from DOD.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2003)

Directs the Secretary of the military department concerned to pay the applicable premium to continue in force during the duty period any qualified health benefits plan coverage of a member of the reserves who is called or ordered to active duty for more than 30 days during a war or national emergency. Prohibits the private health insurance issuer of such a member from declining coverage or re-enrollment, imposing re-enrollment exclusions, or increasing premiums during such benefits coverage continuation period.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3995-3996)
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR 3/19/2003 S3996)