

S 783

A bill to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims. (Apr 28, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 3, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 10, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1691	Identical bill	May 5, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that a request for the granting of posthumous citizenship to a member of the armed forces who died from an active service-related injury or disease incurred during a period of military hostilities may be filed: (1) upon locating the next-of-kin, and if so requested by the next-of-kin, by the Secretary of Defense (or designee) with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security immediately upon the death of that person; or (2) by the next-of-kin. (Current law provides for such filing only by the next-of-kin or other representative.)

States that Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services shall approve a request for posthumous citizenship filed by the next-of-kin if: (1) the request is filed within two years after the later of enactment of this section or the date of the person's death; (2) the request is accompanied by a duly authenticated certificate from the executive department under which the person served attesting to the person's honorable service and service-related death; and (3) the Director finds that the person satisfied certain enlistment location or post-enlistment status requirements. (Current law provides for approval by the Attorney General within two years after the later of March 6, 1990, or the person's death.)

States that the Director (currently the Attorney General) shall send the documentation of posthumous citizenship to the next-of-kin.

States that this Act shall take effect as if enacted on September 11, 2001.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5256)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5256)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text as passed Senate: CR S5256)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text as passed Senate: CR S5256)
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.