

S 1271

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended,

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 23, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1235	Procedurally related	Jun 15, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-233.
109 HR 1598	Related bill	Apr 25, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2005)

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2005 - Amends Federal veterans' benefits provisions with respect to former prisoners of war (POW) to repeal the currently required 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. Adds the following diseases to the above listed diseases heart disease, stroke, 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 because of 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

- **Jul 28, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jun 20, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 20, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.