

HR 1598

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1271	Related bill	Jul 28, 2005: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 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 by reason of having 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

- **Apr 25, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
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