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HR 3579

Blinded Veterans Continuum of Care Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2005)

Blinded Veterans Continuum of Care Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assign at least one employee of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) who is designated as a blind rehabilitation outpatient specialist to each Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility: (1) which has a visual impairment services team with a full-time coordinator; or (2) in which the number of veterans enrolled in the veterans' patient enrollment system who reside in the catchment area of that facility exceeds 150.

Actions Timeline

- Aug 15, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Jul 28, 2005: Introduced in HouseJul 28, 2005: Introduced in House
- Jul 28, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.