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Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act

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Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]	R · NH		Oct 31, 2005
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2006
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2006
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 11, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 602	Identical bill	<b>Feb 25, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

## Summary (as of Feb 16, 2005)

Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the Office of Personnel Management to provide Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage to the following eligible beneficiaries: (1) a member or former member entitled to military retired or retainer pay; (2) an unremarried former spouse who was married to a member for at least 20 years, during which such member performed at least 20 years of retirement-creditable military service; (3) a dependent of a deceased qualifying member or former member; (4) a dependent of a living member or former member; and (5) a family member.

Directs the Secretary to reimburse such eligible persons for pharmacy benefits received from a pharmacy that is not a TRICARE (Department of Defense managed health care plan) network pharmacy in the same manner as the Secretary would reimburse such person for such benefits received from a TRICARE network pharmacy. Requires such persons, in order to receive such reimbursement, to submit a certification from their physician stating that the person does not have access to a TRICARE network pharmacy due to physical or medical constraints.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to waive the monthly part B premium (Supplementary Medical Insurance Benefits for the Aged and Disabled) with respect to: (1) an individual who is entitled to military retired or retainer pay based upon service that began before December 7, 1956; and (2) the spouse, widow, or widower of such individuals.

## Actions Timeline

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