

HR 4261

To provide eligibility for veterans benefits for individuals who served in the United States merchant marine in the Southeast Asia theater of operations during the Vietnam Era.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 29, 2005)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 29, 2005
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 9, 2005)

Considers as active duty service, for purposes of eligibility for veterans' benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, service of an individual in the U.S. merchant marine who: (1) served as a crewmember of a vessel that was in oceangoing service during the Vietnam Era in the Southeast Asia theater of operations; and (2) received a certificate of honorable discharge. Makes such eligibility retroactive as of the last date of such service.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 29, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Nov 29, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Nov 29, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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- **Nov 9, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.