

S 481

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 1, 2005

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-217.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-217. (Jun 9, 2005)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 14, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 14, 2005
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 9, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2005)

Extends from two years to five years following discharge or release the eligibility period for veterans who served in combat during or after the Persian Gulf War to receive hospital care, medical services, or nursing home care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, notwithstanding a lack of evidence to conclude that their condition is attributable to such service.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 9, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-217.
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.