

HR 514

Armed Forces Voluntary Immunization and Health Justice Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2005
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Armed Forces Voluntary Immunization and Health Justice Act of 2005 - Prohibits requiring a member of the Armed Forces to participate in either of the smallpox or anthrax vaccine immunization programs of the Department of Defense. Permits administering either vaccine to any such member without the informed consent of the member.

Requires the correction of the records of servicemembers previously punished for refusing to take either vaccine.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to assess the current threat of an anthrax or smallpox attack on members of the Armed Forces and report the results.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) carry out an ongoing assessment of the adverse health effects being reported by members and former members of the Armed Forces with respect to the smallpox and anthrax vaccines administered by the Department of Defense; and (2) prepare an estimate of the future cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs to treat those adverse health effects, if determined to be service-connected.

Requires the President to establish a National Center for Military Deployment Health Research to coordinate and synthesize research efforts by Federal departments and agencies relating to the health effects of military deployments on members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 24, 2005:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Feb 24, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Introduced in House
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