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Veterans Prescription Drugs Assistance Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (6 total)

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Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 14, 2005
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 7, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 9, 2005
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 22, 2005
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 14, 2005

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 6282	Related bill	Oct 23, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Veterans Prescription Drugs Assistance Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such drugs and medicines as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physician as specific therapy in the treatment of any illness or injury suffered by each veteran who is receiving additional compensation or allowance due to a service-connected disability, or increased pension as a veteran of a period of war, by reason of being permanently housebound or in need of regular aid and attendance.

Allows any Medicare-eligible veteran to elect to be furnished by the Secretary, on an outpatient basis, such drugs and medicines as ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physician as specific therapy for any illness or injury suffered by the veteran. Requires such election to last for a calendar year and to be irrevocable. Allows for election renewal. Requires appropriate information to be furnished to each veteran prior to such election.

Authorizes the Secretary to administer immunizations to voluntary eligible veterans in connection with the provision of care in any Department of Veterans Affairs health care facility.

Provides for appropriate copayments for the drugs and medicines received by veterans under authority of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2005:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-217.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2648-2649)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.