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HR 693

Veterans Medication Accessibility Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 9, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 4, 2005) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/693

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 9, 2005)

Veterans Medication Accessibility Act - Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish to a veteran such drugs and medicines as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physician in the treatment of any illness or injury of such veteran. (Currently, other requirements must be met before such veterans will be furnished drugs and medicines on private practitioner prescriptions.)

Actions Timeline

- Apr 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Feb 9, 2005: Introduced in House
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