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HR 917

Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep our Veterans Healthy Act (BACK Veterans Health Act)

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E625) (Apr 12, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	$R \cdot TN$		Mar 10, 2005
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Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	$R \cdot TX$		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	$D \cdot MN$		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	$R \cdot NH$		May 3, 2005
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		May 10, 2005
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	$R \cdot VA$		May 23, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	$D \cdot AZ$		Jul 13, 2005
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	$R \cdot CA$		Jul 13, 2005
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D·IA		Apr 25, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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.

Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep our Veterans Healthy (BACK Veterans Health) Act - Includes chiropractic services and counseling, as well as periodic and preventative chiropractic examinations and services, among the medical, rehabilitative, and preventive health services available to veterans.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit eligible veterans to receive medical, rehabilitative, and preventative health services from a licensed doctor of chiropractic on a direct access basis at the election of the veteran, if such services are within the State scope of practice of such doctor. Prohibits the Secretary from discriminating among licensed health-care providers in the determination of needed services.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 12, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E625)
- Apr 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Feb 17, 2005: Introduced in House
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