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Lane Evans Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2007

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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 13, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 4, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1354	Related bill	Apr 3, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2007)

Lane Evans Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2007 - Makes a veteran who served on active duty during a period of war eligible for a mental health evaluation and hospital care, medical services, nursing home care, and family and marital counseling for any identified mental health condition, notwithstanding insufficient medical evidence to conclude that the condition is attributable to such service.

Requires: (1) post-deployment medical and mental health screenings to be conducted within 30 days after a deployment; (2) each member, upon discharge, to be provided an electronic copy of all military records of such member; and (3) the Secretary of Defense to ensure appropriate outreach to members of the National Guard and reserves concerning benefits and services available upon discharge or deactivation.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain a Global War on Terrorism Veterans Information System.

Requires quarterly reports from the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Labor, and Defense on the effects on veterans and on each such department of participation in the Global War on Terrorism.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10781)
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S116-117)
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.