

HR 1197

Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 848	Identical bill	Mar 13, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Feb 27, 2007)

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Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 - Amends Federal veterans' benefits provisions with respect to former prisoners of war (POW) to repeal the currently required 30-day minimum period of internment prior to the presumption of service connection for certain listed diseases, for purposes of the payment of veterans' disability compensation. Adds the following diseases to the above listed diseases diabetes (type 2) and osteoporosis. Requires: (1) such presumption also with respect to any disease that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines warrants such presumption by reason of having a positive association with the experience of being a prisoner of war; and (2) the Secretary to make such a determination within 60 days after a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War that such presumption be established for a non-listed disease.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 12, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.