

HR 1315

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Mar 5, 2007

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Aug 3, 2007)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: SD • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 21, 2007
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide specially adaptive housing assistance for disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member if such military member suffers from a disability which is permanent and total in nature and is the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted or aggravated in the line of duty in active military service.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professionals Scholarship Program to increase the supply of qualified blind rehabilitation specialists for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the country. Outlines eligibility requirements, including being a full- or part-time student in such fields of education or training. Requires: (1) full-time scholarship recipients to serve full-time in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) in such field of clinical practice for three years during the six-year period following completion of such education or training; and (2) part-time recipients to serve a proportionately reduced period, but not less than one year. Limits to \$15,000 per academic year the maximum scholarship for full-time participants. Requires pro rata repayment for unserved periods of obligated service.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary to include, within a currently-required annual report concerning veterans' reemployment rights: (1) the number of cases reviewed by the Secretary of Defense under the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve of the Department of Defense; and (2) an indication of which of the reported cases are disability-related.

(Sec. 5) Increases from 15 to 16 the number of members on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Employment, Training, and Employer Outreach.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR 7/31/2007 H8887-8892)
- **Jul 30, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1315.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/31/2007 H8887-8888)
- **Jul 30, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/31/2007 H8887-8888)
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-266.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 168.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Mar 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.