

## HR 1435

### Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 9, 2007

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Apr 17, 2007)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 17, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 9, 2007)

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Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a three-year pilot program to reduce the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Requires the Secretary to: (1) conduct the pilot program with County Veterans Service Officers in California, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas; and (2) refer certain claims requiring further development to such Officers. Requires such Officers to: (1) act as claimant advocates in developing such claims; and (2) have access to client information contained in the VA's Benefits Delivery Network.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 17, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.