

## HR 1527

Rural Veterans Access to Care Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2007

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 11, 2008)

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| Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]           | R · ID        |      | Jul 30, 2008 |
| Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]                 | R · PA        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Reported by | Jul 10, 2008 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 11, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 10, 2008)

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Rural Veterans Access to Care Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a three-year pilot program under which a highly rural veteran who is enrolled in the system of patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and who resides within a designated area of the Veterans Integrated Service Network may elect to receive covered health services through a non-VA health care provider. Defines a "highly rural veteran" as one who: (1) resides more than 60 miles from the nearest VA facility providing primary care services, more than 120 miles from a VA facility providing acute hospital care, or more than 240 miles from a VA facility providing tertiary care (depending on which services the veteran needs); or (2) otherwise experiences such hardships or other difficulties in travel to the nearest appropriate VA facility that such travel is not in the best interest of the veteran. Requires an annual program assessment report, during the three-year period, from the Secretary to the congressional veterans' committees, which shall include recommendations for continuing the program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 11, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 10, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7968-7969)
- **Sep 10, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll no. 578).(text: CR 9/09/2008 H7903)
- **Sep 10, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 10, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll no. 578). (text: CR 9/09/2008 H7903)
- **Sep 10, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 9, 2008:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 9, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7903-7907)
- **Sep 9, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1527.
- **Sep 9, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-817.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 530.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent .
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Introduced in House
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