

HR 2192

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 5, 2007
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 16, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2008)

Establishes in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) an Office of the Ombudsman, headed by a Director. Outlines Office and Director duties, including: (1) serving as a last resort for veterans' health care and benefits complaints and issues that cannot be resolved at a local or regional level; and (2) maintaining a public website with contact information for each patient advocate at each VA medical center.

Requires the Director to: (1) appoint three regional administrators to support VHA facilities and veterans integrated service networks in their patient advocacy activities; and (2) establish a board to hear appeals from veterans dissatisfied with efforts of their local medical center and service network, and issue letters outlining possible solutions.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate the Ombudsman within 180 days after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Hare moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7244-7245)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2192.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Moran (KS) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (text: CR H7244)
- **Jul 29, 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): 398 - 0 (Roll no. 536).
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- **Jul 29, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-773.
- **Jul 24, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 492.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 14, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 6, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 5, 2007:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Discharged.
- **May 11, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **May 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.