

S 2521

Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 24, 2008

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 4838	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Dec 19, 2007)

Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2007 - Provides that a federal employee and his or her domestic partner shall be entitled to benefits available to, and shall be subject to obligations imposed upon, a married federal employee and his or her spouse.

Defines "domestic partner" to mean an adult unmarried person living with another adult unmarried person of the same sex in a committed, intimate relationship. Defines "benefits" to include federal health insurance and enhanced dental and vision benefits, retirement and disability benefits, family, medical, and emergency leave, group life insurance, long-term care insurance, compensation for work injuries, and benefits for disability, death, or captivity. Excludes members of the uniformed services from the definition of "employee."

Sets forth requirements for filing: (1) an affidavit of eligibility as such a domestic partner, which shall include a certification that the employee and the domestic partner are each other's sole domestic partners and intend to remain so indefinitely; and (2) a statement upon dissolution of such a domestic partnership.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S16008)
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S16008-16009)