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# HR 447

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that World War II merchant mariners who were awarded the Mariners Medal shall be provided eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs health care on the same basis as veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 12, 2007

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 2, 2007) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/447

#### **Sponsor**

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Party: Republican • State: NE • Chamber: House

### **Cosponsors** (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2007

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

#### **Summary** (as of Jan 12, 2007)

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hospital care and medical services, and authorizes the Secretary to furnish nursing home care, as needed to any veteran who was awarded the Mariners Medal (currently, only the Purple Heart).

### **Actions Timeline**

- Mar 2, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Jan 12, 2007: Introduced in House
- Jan 12, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.