

HR 4838

Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Dec 19, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2521	Identical bill	Sep 24, 2008: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held.

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

- **Feb 25, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 16, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.