

## HR 579

Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 19, 2007

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Feb 1, 2007)

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Rep. Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]	D · OH		May 1, 2007
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Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 9, 2007
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 9, 2007
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		May 16, 2007
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		May 16, 2007
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 16, 2007
Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 16, 2007
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 16, 2007
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 21, 2007
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		May 24, 2007

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Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 5, 2007
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2007
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Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Mar 31, 2008
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 31, 2008
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Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Apr 9, 2008
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Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 24, 2008
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 19, 2007)

Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the Department of Defense (DOD) and the nation have a committed health benefits obligation to retired military personnel that exceeds the obligation of corporate employers to civilian employees; and (2) DOD has many additional options to constrain the growth of health care spending in ways that do not disadvantage beneficiaries, and should pursue such options rather than seeking large fee increases for beneficiaries.

Prohibits an increase after: (1) April 1, 2006, in a premium, deductible, copayment, or other charge prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for medical and dental health care coverage for military personnel; and (2) September 30, 2007, in the dollar amount of a cost-sharing requirement under the DOD pharmacy benefits program.

Prohibits: (1) charges for DOD inpatient care from exceeding \$535 per day; and (2) beginning on April 1, 2006, an increase in premiums under TRICARE (a DOD managed health care program) for certain members of the Selected Reserve.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jan 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 19, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.