

HR 6445

Veterans' Health Care Policy Enhancement Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jul 9, 2008

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 31, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cazayoux, Donald J., Jr. [D-LA-6]

Party: Democratic • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Jul 9, 2008
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2008
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2008
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 9, 2008
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Jul 14, 2008
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]	D · OH		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 24, 2008
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 29, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 10, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans' Health Care Policy Enhancement Act of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Prohibits the collection by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of copayments or other fees for hospital or nursing home care in the case of catastrophically disabled veterans.

(Sec. 3) Repeals a current requirement that, in order for a family member of a non-service-connected disabled veteran to be eligible for counseling services, the counseling must be essential to permit the discharge of the veteran from the hospital.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) develop and implement a comprehensive policy on the management of pain experienced by veterans enrolled for VA health care services; (2) periodically revise the policy; and (3) report annually through FY2018 to the congressional veterans' committees on policy implementation.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary, within five years after the enactment of this Act, to establish up to seven consolidated patient accounting centers for conducting industry-modeled regionalized VA billing and collection activities.

(Sec. 6) Repeals a provision of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Act of 1988 requiring written informed consent for HIV testing among veterans.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7531)
- **Jul 30, 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): 421 - 0 (Roll no. 541).(text: CR 7/29/2008 H7240)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 - 0 (Roll no. 541). (text: CR 7/29/2008 H7240)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-786.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 505.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7240-7244)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6445.
- **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 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent .
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.