

HR 6494

PRO-VETS Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 4, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Jul 30, 2008
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2008
Rep. Mahoney, Tim [D-FL-16]	D · FL		Jul 30, 2008
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 15, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3307	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Providing Real Outreach for Veterans Act of 2008 or PRO-VETS Act of 2008 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary) to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Defense for the transfer of data to the Secretary for providing members of the Armed Forces and veterans with individualized information concerning veterans' benefits that each member and veteran may be eligible for. Requires the Secretary, after receiving such data, to: (1) compile a list of all benefits for which each member or veteran may be eligible; (2) notify the member or veteran (or their legal representative) of such benefits; and (3) provide a second notification if the member or veteran does not apply for a listed benefit within 60 days, as well as annual notifications thereafter. Requires additional notifications based on changed circumstances. Allows each member or veteran the option to decline further notifications.

Directs the Secretary to use transferred data to reduce the amount of information that a member or veteran must provide when applying for benefits.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a member or veteran the opportunity to decline authorization for the transfer of information under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 4, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.