

HR 797

Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2007
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Feb 28, 2007
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 13, 2007
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HRES 855	Related bill	Dec 11, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
110 S 1163	Related document	Nov 2, 2007: See also H.R. 797.

Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007 - **Title I: Low-Vision Benefits Matters** - (Sec. 101) Modifies the standard for awarding disability compensation to veterans for loss of vision to require payment of compensation for impairment of vision due to a service-connected disability resulting in 20/200 (currently, 5/200) visual acuity or less.

(Sec. 102) Modifies the above standard in the case of impairment of vision (currently, blindness) involving both eyes due to a service-connected disability in one eye and a non-service-connected disability in the other eye to require payment in the case of impairment resulting in a visual acuity of 20/200 or less or of a peripheral field of 20 degrees or less in each eye.

Title II: Matters Relating to Burial and Memorial Affairs - (Sec. 201) Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker for the grave of certain individuals buried in a private cemetery, to furnish a medallion or other device to signify the deceased's status as a veteran, to be attached to a headstone or marker furnished at private expense.

(Sec. 202) Repeals, as of October 1, 2006, the time limit for a state's filing of a request for reimbursement for interment costs for veterans buried in cemeteries other than national cemeteries.

Authorizes the Secretary to make a grant to a state for operating and maintaining a veterans' cemetery owned by such state. Limits to \$5 million the amount of such grants awarded in a fiscal year.

(Sec. 203) Makes permanent the authority of the Secretary to furnish government headstones or markers for the burial of veterans at private cemeteries.

Title III: Other Matters - (Sec. 301) Requires the Secretary to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with information for comparison with the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes in order to determine eligibility for certain veteran benefits and services. Requires the Secretary to: (1) seek only the minimum information necessary to make such determination; (2) receive prior written consent of the individual before seeking, using, or disclosing any such information; (3) independently verify any information received prior to terminating, denying, or reducing a benefit or service; and (4) allow an opportunity for an individual to contest negative findings. Terminates such authority at the end of FY2011.

(Sec. 302) Extends, through June 30, 2010, the Secretary's authority to provide an educational allowance to persons performing qualifying work-study activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 26, 2007:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 26, 2007:** Became Public Law No: 110-157.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendments (text and title) to Senate amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S15786-15787; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S15786-15787)
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Senate agreed to House amendments (text and title) to Senate amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S15786-15787; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S15786-15787)
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate amendment.
- **Dec 11, 2007:** Resolving differences -- House actions: House agreed to Senate amendment with amendments pursuant to H. Res. 855.
- **Dec 11, 2007:** House agreed to Senate amendment with amendments pursuant to H. Res. 855.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S13736)
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S.1163 as amended.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** See also S. 1163.
- **Nov 2, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2778-2782)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 797.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2786-2787)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** 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): 424 - 0 (Roll no. 175).(text: CR H2778-2779)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 0 (Roll no. 175). (text: CR H2778-2779)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-57.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 28.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.