

HR 1377

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 111-137 (Enacted Feb 1, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 16, 2009
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Mar 23, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 19, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 18, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 404	Related bill	Feb 10, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2081)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 26, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Revises provisions concerning the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse a veteran for the cost of emergency care provided in a non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility to provide that, if the veteran has contractual or legal recourse against a third party that would, in part, extinguish the veteran's liability to the provider of the emergency treatment and payment for the treatment may be made by both the VA and the third party, the amount payable by the VA shall be that which exceeds the cost payable by the third party. Prohibits the Secretary from reimbursing a veteran for any copayment or other charge owed to a third party under a health plan contract.

Authorizes the Secretary to reimburse a veteran for the cost of the emergency care described above which is provided before the enactment of this Act, if the Secretary determines that it is appropriate under the circumstances.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2010:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 1, 2010:** Became Public Law No: 111-137.
- **Jan 20, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 19, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13468-13469)
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- **Dec 18, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Cleared for White House.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Mrs. Halvorson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4069-4070)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1377.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4069)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4069)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111-55.
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 22.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 13, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.