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Servicemembers Access to Justice Act of 2009

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 22, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 263	Identical bill	Apr 29, 2009: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-81.

Servicemembers Access to Justice Act of 2009 - Waives a state's sovereign immunity with respect to the enforcement of uniformed services members' employment or reemployment rights or benefits under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Makes unenforceable agreements between an employer and employee requiring arbitration of disputes arising under USERRA. Provides exceptions. Requires the validity and enforceability of such an agreement to be determined by a court (as opposed to the arbitrator).

Provides increased liquidated damages, and authorizes punitive damages, against state or private employer violations of USERRA. Provides a right to a jury trial in such cases.

Requires (under current law, authorizes) the award of attorney fees in actions to enforce USERRA.

Defines "successor in interest" for USERRA purposes.

Prohibits wage discrimination against members covered under USERRA.

Requires (under current law, authorizes) a court to use equitable relief, including injunctions and restraining orders when appropriate, for USERRA violations.

Amends the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to require federal procurement contracts to include a notice that the contractor may have USERRA obligations.

Requires a Comptroller General study on the effectiveness of federal education and outreach programs on employer obligations under USERRA.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 13, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform