

## HR 2243

Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                   | Date        |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Oct 8, 2009 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 5, 2009)

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Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009 - Increases the monthly rates of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Prohibits benefits under any other law (other than duplication of benefits) from being reduced or offset because the surviving spouse is eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 8, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 8, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 5, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 5, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.