

HR 2506

Veterans Hearing and Assessment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Oct 1, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Oct 13, 2009
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 3, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 8, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 19, 2009)

Veterans Hearing and Assessment Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that tinnitus is one of the leading service-connected disability issues that is not being addressed.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each member of the Armed Forces receives a hearing evaluation that includes a screening for tinnitus before the member is deployed and after the member returns from a deployment.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) recognize tinnitus as a mandatory condition for research and treatment by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Auditory Centers of Excellence; and (2) ensure that research is conducted at VA facilities on the prevention, treatment, and curing of tinnitus.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 8, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5808)
- **May 19, 2009:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **May 19, 2009:** 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.
- **May 19, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services