

## HR 2699

Armed Forces Behavioral Health Awareness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 25, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 4, 2009)

Armed Forces Behavioral Health Awareness Act - Makes any member of the Armed Forces who is deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom eligible for readjustment counseling and related mental health services through Vet Centers (centers for such counseling and services for veterans), regardless of the member's duty status.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to award grants to nonprofit organizations that provide emotional support services for family members of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserves.

Requires the Secretary of the Army to carry out a pilot program to enhance awareness of post-traumatic-stress-disorder (PTSD) among members of the Army.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 24, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 5, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **Jun 3, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2698)