

HR 2770

Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 28, 2009)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]        | R · IN        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]      | D · FL        |      | Jun 19, 2009 |
| Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]    | D · MN        |      | Jun 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]         | R · IN        |      | Jun 24, 2009 |
| Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7] | D · MN        |      | Jul 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]       | D · CT        |      | Jul 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]       | R · CO        |      | Jul 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2] | D · ME        |      | Jul 17, 2009 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Reported by | Jul 9, 2009  |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 28, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action                                                                                 |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 111 S 252   | Related bill   | Jul 24, 2009: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 128. |
| 111 HR 2722 | Identical bill | Jun 5, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.                                        |

Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009 - (Sec. 2) Amends federal provisions concerning the establishment at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities of nonprofit research and education corporations (NRECs) to allow an NREC to facilitate the conduct of research or education, or both, at more than one VA medical center. States that such an NREC shall be known as a multi-medical center research corporation (MCRC).

Allows an NREC to act as a MCRC if: (1) the NREC board of directors approve a resolution permitting that NREC to act as a MCRC; and (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves the resolution.

Requires each NREC and MCRC (corporation) to be established in accordance with the nonprofit corporation laws of the state in which the VA medical center which it supports is located. States that neither such corporation shall be considered to be owned by, or an agent or instrumentality of, the United States.

(Sec. 3) Restates the purposes of the corporations, including with respect to their role in: (1) providing a flexible funding mechanism; and (2) residencies or similar programs.

(Sec. 4) Modifies the composition of corporation boards of directors. Revises requirements concerning non-VA members of boards of directors of NRECs and MCRCs to: (1) state a minimum number who are not officers or employees of the federal government; and (2) expand the required areas of experience or expertise.

Allows a corporation executive director to be an employee of the VA.

Removes financial relationship restrictions from conflict of interest standards applicable to directors.

(Sec. 5) Increases authorized corporate powers of the corporations to include entering into contracts and setting fees for education and training facilitated through a corporation.

(Sec. 7) Revises annual report procedures to modify the thresholds for the obtaining of audits and require submission of an Internal Revenue Service return form applicable to organizations exempt from income tax.

Revises conflict of interest policies applicable to directors, officers, and employees of a corporation to apply the policy adopted by the corporation (under current law, they are subject to federal laws and regulations applicable to federal employees).

Revises requirements for a report to Congress to increase the threshold for providing information identifying payees of the corporation.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 28, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 27, 2009:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 27, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8819-8822)
- **Jul 27, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2770.
- **Jul 27, 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 H8820-8821)
- **Jul 27, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8820-8821)
- **Jul 27, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 23, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111-225.
- **Jul 23, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 123.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 18, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1359)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.