

## HR 292

### Department of Veterans Affairs Energy Sustainability Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Referred to House Science and Technology

**Latest Action:** Referred to House Science and Technology (Jan 8, 2009)

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Buzman, John [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jan 8, 2009
Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jan 14, 2009
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jan 21, 2009
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 10, 2009
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 2, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 8, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jan 8, 2009)

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Department of Veterans Affairs Energy Sustainability Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) implement in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) an energy sustainability program to minimize energy consumption and encourage the use of alternative energy sources; (2) establish and maintain a database to track and report on VA energy and water expenditures; (3) complete an audit of VA energy usage during FY2010; (4) ensure VA compliance with an Executive Order and VA Directive concerning energy efficiency goals and objectives; (5) report to Congress on the use of funds for the installation of alternative fueling stations at 35 VA medical facility campuses; (6) submit to Congress a plan for increasing the use of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies in VA facilities and operations; (7) provide for the installation of individual electric sub-metering equipment at VA facilities; (8) ensure that energy-efficient products meeting VA requirements are purchased whenever the VA purchases items that consume electricity; and (9) conduct a study on water and fuel consumption by the National Cemetery Administration and ways to reduce such consumption.

Establishes in the VA: (1) an Office of Energy Management; and (2) the Advisory Committee on Energy Management and Sustainability.

Authorizes an increase in the dollar limit of VA grants for: (1) adaptive housing to encourage the use of high-efficiency systems and products or other energy-use reduction items; and (2) adaptive vehicles to encourage the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Energy to enter into a memorandum of understanding to improve and facilitate the use of expertise of the national laboratories to evaluate energy- and water-efficient technologies for use by the VA.

Authorizes the Secretary to carry out a pilot program to sell economic incentives that reduce the emission of air pollutants attributable to a VA facility.

Directs the Secretary or any other VA official required by law to submit a report to Congress to submit a copy of the report in an electronic format.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 8, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E44)
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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.
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Referred to House Science and Technology