

## HR 3407

Severely Injured Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jul 1, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 30, 2009
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Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. Kosmas, Suzanne M. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Oct 29, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Dec 2, 2009
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Mar 4, 2010
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Mar 4, 2010
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Mar 4, 2010
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Mar 22, 2010
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 23, 2010
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Apr 13, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 1, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Severely Injured Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 2009 - Increases rates of the following veterans' benefits: (1) wartime disability compensation for veterans in need of regular aid and attendance or higher levels of care; and (2) the non-service-connected disability pension for veterans of a period of war whose disability is rated permanent and total and who are permanently housebound.

Makes disabled veterans with severe burn injuries eligible for automobile and adaptive equipment assistance.

Makes veterans who suffer traumatic brain injury eligible for wartime disability compensation.

Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the rate of the special pension for persons entered on Medal of Honor rolls.

Extends to September 30, 2021, provisions concerning the treatment of pension amounts of Medicaid-covered veterans who are receiving nursing facility services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 1, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2119-2120)
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.