

## HR 4045

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 6054	Related bill	<b>Sep 17, 2010:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## Summary (as of Nov 6, 2009)

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2009 - Increases the authorized allowance for burial and funeral expenses for deceased veterans who: (1) at the time of death were in receipt of veterans' disability compensation or veterans' pension benefits; or (2) were veterans of any war or were discharged or released from active military service for a service-connected disability and for whom there is no next of kin or sufficient resources to cover funeral and burial costs. Increases the burial plot allowance for veterans who, at the time of death, were receiving hospital or nursing home care in or through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Authorizes the annual adjustment of such allowances by the same percentage increase as adjustments to benefit amounts payable under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act.

## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.