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Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 1, 2009
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 21, 2009
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Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 24, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 27, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 6, 2009
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [I-CT]	ID · CT		May 12, 2009
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 12, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 10, 2009
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 22, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 7, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2009
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Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Oct 22, 2009
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Oct 22, 2009
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Nov 10, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Nov 16, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Dec 2, 2009
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Jan 20, 2010
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		May 25, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1203	Related bill	Jun 26, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2009)

Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit: (1) federal civilian and military retirees to pay Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) and TRICARE supplemental premiums on a pretax basis (i.e., exclude premiums from gross income); and (2) a tax deduction (available to itemizers and nonitemizers) for TRICARE supplemental premiums or enrollment fees.

Directs the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the option of paying FEHBP and TRICARE supplemental premiums on a pretax basis is available to federal civilian and military retirees for the first open enrollment period beginning not less than 90 days after the enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2565)
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