

HR 5829

World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act

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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred To | Jul 22, 2010 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 22, 2010)

World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to consider certain methods for verifying that an individual performed honorable service as a member of the merchant marine during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, for purposes of eligibility for veterans' benefits under the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977. Requires such methods to include Social Security Administration (SSA) records and validated testimony in the case of the absence of Coast Guard shipping or discharge forms, ship logbooks, or other official employment records.

Requires the Secretary to recognize masters of seagoing vessels or other command officers who were authorized to document an individual for purposes of hiring for the merchant marine or discharge therefrom, when determining whether to recognize service allegedly performed during such period.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to House Armed Services