

## HR 5953

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women Veterans Bill of Rights and to display in each prosthetics and orthotics clinic of the Department an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 1, 2010)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2010
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that the Women Veterans Bill of Rights is printed on signs in accessible formats and displayed prominently in each VA facility and distributed widely to such veterans.

Enumerates health care rights to be included in the Bill of Rights, including the right to: (1) coordinated, comprehensive, primary women's health care at every VA medical facility; (2) treatment by clinicians with specific training and experience in women's health issues; and (3) gender equity in access to and the provision of clinical health care services.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that the Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights is printed on signs in accessible formats and displayed prominently in each VA prosthetics and orthotics clinic.

Enumerates rights to be included in such Bill of Rights, including the right to: (1) access the highest quality prosthetic and orthotic care; (2) select the practitioner that best meets their prosthetic and orthotic needs; and (3) timely and efficient prosthetic and orthotic care. Requires the Secretary to collect information relating to alleged mistreatment of injured and amputee veterans.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) ensure that all VA employees receive training on the Women Veterans Bill of Rights, and that appropriate VA employees receive training on the Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights; and (2) conduct outreach to inform veterans about both Bills of Rights, and to make them available on the VA Internet website.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 1, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7735-7739)
- **Nov 30, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5953.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7735-7736)
- **Nov 30, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7735-7736)
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.