

HR 919

Veterans' Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2009

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2009
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Apr 30, 2009
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 26, 2010
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2010
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Mar 10, 2010

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 252	Related bill	Jul 24, 2009: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 128.

Veterans' Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2009 - Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to appoint personnel for health care positions within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) not specifically listed as authorized categories for appointment, as long as the Secretary provides prior notification to the congressional veterans' committees and the Office of Management and Budget. Requires newly-appointed nurses to serve a probationary period. Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) appoint nurse assistants; and (2) waive required pay offsets for federal annuitants reemployed in VA health care positions. Sets the minimum rate of basic pay for appointees to certain positions in the Office of the Under Secretary for Health at the lowest rate of basic pay for a Senior Executive Service position. Allows for the payment of: (1) comparability pay of up to \$100,000 annually for Office positions which are not physicians or dentists; and (2) special incentive pay of up to \$40,000 annually to a VHA pharmacist executive.

Removes or waives certain pay restrictions for: (1) physicians or dentists occupying administrative or executive leadership positions; (2) nurses; and (3) certified registered nurse anesthetists. Revises locality pay scale computations.

Increases from \$25,000 to \$100,000 the special pay for nurse executives. Makes part-time nurses eligible for additional nurse pay.

Provides limitations on overtime duty, weekend duty, and alternative work schedules for nurses, with exceptions for emergency situations.

Reinstates the VA's health professionals educational assistance scholarship program, and increases maximum assistance amounts. Authorizes the Secretary to provide an educational loan repayment program for clinical researchers from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 13, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.