

S 1776

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2011
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 1, 2011
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 10, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 10, 2011
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 15, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3419	Related bill	Feb 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 HR 3303	Related bill	Nov 4, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Nov 1, 2011)

Expands the authority of the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to accept travel benefits to facilitate the travel of members of the Armed Forces during leave from active duty to include, as part of such benefits, points or awards for free or reduced-cost hotel accommodations.

Includes as benefits purposes: (1) providing humanitarian support to members and eligible beneficiaries receiving care through the military health care system, and (2) support to allow participation by members and their families in DOD-sponsored and authorized programs.

Actions Timeline

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