

## HR 2053

Veterans' Disability Claims Efficiency Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		May 26, 2011
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 27, 2011
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Nov 17, 2011
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Jul 9, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Veterans' Disability Claims Efficiency Act of 2011 - Allows the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), in the case of a disability claim with multiple conditions, to assign an interim disability rating for the condition(s) that can be assigned without further development and to continue development of the remaining condition(s). Requires an interim disability rating to remain in effect unless the Secretary later assigns an increased rating for such condition. Prohibits the continuation of such rating if the rating was based on fraud or the condition improves.

Directs the Secretary to establish a process for the rapid identification of initial claims for disability compensation that should, in adjudication, receive priority in the order of review. Requires the Secretary to identify whether claims have the potential of being adjudicated quickly, the claims qualify for priority treatment, and a temporary disability rating could be assigned for such claims. Authorizes the Secretary to provide priority based on the effect such priority would have on a claimant.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 3, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 26, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.