

HR 2383

Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1627	Related bill	Aug 6, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-154.

Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide VA benefits claimants, by the most expeditious means available, including electronic communication or notification in writing, of any information or medical or lay evidence not previously provided to the Secretary that is necessary to substantiate a claim. (Current law does not specify the means of notice.)

Requires the Secretary, whenever private records relevant to a claim are unable to be obtained after making reasonable efforts in response to a claimant's request for assistance, to, subject to waiver: (1) notify the claimant that the claim will be decided based on evidence of record, but that this Act does not prohibit submission of records at a later date if such submission is otherwise allowed, and (2) make at least two requests to a private record custodian before an effort to obtain relevant private records may be treated as reasonable. (Current law requires only an identification and explanation of the Secretary's efforts to obtain such records with a description of any further action to be taken on the claim.)

Directs the Secretary, when attempting to assist a disability compensation claimant in obtaining relevant records from a federal agency, to continue such efforts unless it is reasonably certain that the records are nonexistent or that further efforts would be futile.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 20, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 15, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.