

## HR 2848

Veterans' Religious Freedom Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 7, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Sep 12, 2011)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 12, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 7, 2011)

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Veterans' Religious Freedom Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that: (1) the family members of each veteran who is buried in a national cemetery or is eligible for certain veterans' burial benefits are informed of all options available for the funeral or memorial service for such veteran, and (2) the director of each national cemetery is a qualified veteran.

Prohibits the Secretary from: (1) prescribing regulations to censor or otherwise limit the type of religious speech that may be performed by a member of a veterans service organization at the funeral or memorial service of a veteran, or (2) censoring or otherwise limiting the type of religious speech of private speakers who have been invited to speak on property of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 12, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Sep 7, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 7, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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