

## HR 6297

### Reducing Barriers to Veterans' Benefits Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Aug 2, 2012

**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 21, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/6297>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2012
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 21, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Aug 2, 2012)

Reducing Barriers to Veterans' Benefits Act - Presumes a service connection, for veterans' benefits purposes, for diagnosed hearing loss, tinnitus, or both, for veterans who, during active military service: (1) were assigned to a military occupational specialty in which the veterans were likely to be exposed to a level of acoustic trauma sufficient to result in permanent hearing loss, tinnitus, or both; or (2) served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities.

Directs the Secretary of each military department to ensure that each member of the Armed Forces under their jurisdiction receives an audiometric test at the 8000 Hz frequency (or an equivalent test) to evaluate the hearing of such member during the 90-day period before the member is discharged, separated, or retired.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 21, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Sep 13, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.