

## S 1148

### Veterans Benefits Claims Faster Filing Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280. (Oct 30, 2013)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 12, 2013
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 27, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 30, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1809	Related bill	Jun 28, 2013: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### Summary (as of Jun 12, 2013)

Veterans Benefits Claims Faster Filing Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to post in a conspicuous place in each VA regional office and claims intake facility and on the VA website information on: (1) the average processing time for fully developed and not fully developed VA benefits claims submitted in specified forms, and (2) the percentage of such claims filed by specified methods for which benefits are awarded.

Requires the Secretary to notify each person submitting a claim for a VA benefit of such information and of the person's eligibility to receive up to an extra year of benefit payments if the person files a claim that is fully developed.

Requires the notice information to be updated at least quarterly.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 30, 2013:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.