

HR 1288

World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 28, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1361	Identical bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.

Summary (as of Mar 20, 2013)

World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to accept additional documentation for verifying that an individual performed honorable service as a coastwise merchant seaman during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, for purposes of eligibility for veterans' benefits under the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977. Requires such documentation to include Social Security Administration (SSA) records and validated testimony in the case of the absence of Coast Guard shipping or discharge forms, ship logbooks, documents, or other official employment records.

Requires the Secretary, when determining whether to recognize service allegedly performed during such period, to recognize masters of seagoing vessels or other command officers who were authorized to document an individual for purposes of hiring for or discharging from the merchant marine.

Considers any service so recognized as active-duty service for purposes of veterans' burial benefits. Makes such veterans eligible for any appropriate military medals, ribbons, and decorations. Requires the Secretary to verify that an individual performed such service under honorable conditions without regard to their sex, age, or disability during the service period.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 2, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 20, 2013:** 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.