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Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Motion by Senator Reid to commit to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report

Latest Action: Motion by Senator Reid to commit to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment (SA 2767) fell when the bill was committed in Senate. (consideration: CR S1209-1210) (Feb 27, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Party: Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 3, 2014
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 6, 2014
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 6, 2014
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 10, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 11, 2014
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 11, 2014
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 24, 2014
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 24, 2014
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 24, 2014
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2014
Sen. Walsh, John E. [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 25, 2014
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 26, 2014
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2014
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 1, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Committed to	Feb 27, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 229	Related bill	Dec 16, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-230.
113 HR 3831	Related bill	Mar 27, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
113 HR 3614	Related bill	Mar 25, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
113 S 1950	Related bill	Feb 4, 2014: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S736)
113 HR 3521	Related bill	Dec 20, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
113 HR 3615	Related bill	Dec 11, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
113 S 944	Related bill	Dec 9, 2013: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 258.
113 S 1740	Related bill	Nov 20, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
113 S 1581	Related bill	Nov 19, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
113 S 1593	Related bill	Nov 19, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
113 HR 3441	Related bill	Nov 12, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
113 S 1211	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1399	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1411	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1547	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1578	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1580	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1582	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 S 1586	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
113 S 1589	Related bill	Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280.
113 HR 3098	Related bill	Sep 12, 2013: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
113 HR 2859	Related bill	Aug 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
113 HR 2913	Related bill	Aug 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 HR 3007	Related bill	Aug 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
113 HR 2528	Related bill	Jul 12, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
113 HR 2341	Related bill	Jun 28, 2013: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
113 S 430	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 492	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 495	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 735	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 748	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.

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113 S 778	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
113 S 894	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 1039	Related bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
113 S 529	Related bill	May 9, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-203.
113 S 877	Related bill	May 9, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-203.
113 HR 454	Related bill	Feb 8, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014 - Amends federal veterans provisions to revise or add provisions concerning medical services and other benefits provided to veterans and/or their dependents through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) relating to the following areas:

- survivor and dependent matters, including benefits for children of certain veterans born with spina bifida;
- education matters, including the approval of courses for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force and the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance programs;
- the expansion and extension of certain health care benefits, including immunizations, chiropractic care, treatment for traumatic brain injury, and wellness promotion;
- health care administration, including extension of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professional Scholarship Program, and
- complementary and alternative medicine;
- mental health care, including an education program and peer support program for family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders;
- dental care eligibility and expansion, including a program of education to promote dental health in veterans;
- health care related to sexual trauma, including appropriate counseling and treatment and a screening mechanism to detect incidents of domestic abuse;
- reproductive treatment and services, including fertility counseling as well as adoption assistance for severely wounded veterans;
- major medical facility leases;
- veterans' employment training and related services;
- veterans' employment, including within the federal government and as first responders;
- career transition services;
- employment and reemployment rights of members of the Armed Forces after active duty service;
- small business matters, including contracting and subcontracting participation goals with federal departments and agencies;
- administrative matters, including regional support centers for Veterans Integrated Service Networks;
- the revision of claims based on military sexual trauma as well as claims for dependency and indemnity compensation;
- jurisdictional matters, including with respect to the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims;
- the revision of certain rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, including protections with respect to the expiration of professional licenses, a prohibition on the denial of credit or the termination of residential leases due to military service, and the temporary protection of surviving spouses under mortgage foreclosures; and
- outreach and miscellaneous matters, including: (1) repeal of the provision of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 that reduces the cost-of-living adjustment to the retirement pay of members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and (2) the accounting for discretionary accounts designated for overseas contingency operations/global war on terrorism.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2014:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1194-1210)
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Point of order against the measure raised in Senate.
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline with respect to the measure made in Senate.
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Motion to table the motion by Senator Reid to commit the bill (S. 1982) to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment SA 2767 rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 44 - 52. Record Vote Number: 45. (consideration: CR S1209-1210)
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline with respect to the measure rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 56 - 41. Record Vote Number: 46. (consideration: CR S1210)
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Point of order against the measure was sustained.
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Committed to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs pursuant to Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act.
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Motion by Senator Reid to commit to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment (SA 2767) fell when the bill was committed in Senate. (consideration: CR S1209-1210)
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S1144-1168)
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1168)
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by motion. (consideration: CR S1168)
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Motion by Senator Reid to commit to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions that the committee report back forthwith with an amendment (SA 2767) made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1168)
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Cloture motion on the measure presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S1168; text: CR S1168)
- **Feb 25, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1011-1013, S1020-1039)
- **Feb 25, 2014:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 99 - 0. Record Vote Number: 44. (consideration: CR S1027; text: CR S1027)
- **Feb 24, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S978)
- **Feb 12, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S936, S940)
- **Feb 12, 2014:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S940; text: CR S940)
- **Feb 4, 2014:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 301.
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.