

HR 3397

To require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop guidelines regarding the use by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of unofficial sources of information to determine the eligibility of a member or former member of the Armed Forces for benefits and decorations when the member's service records are incomplete because of damage to the records, including records damaged by a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2014
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to develop guidelines for the use by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) of unofficial sources of information, including eyewitness statements, to determine the eligibility of a member or former member of the Armed Forces for benefits and decorations when the member's service records are incomplete because of damage to the records as a result of the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, or any subsequent incident while the records were in DOD's possession.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.