

## HR 3451

Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology. (Dec 13, 2013)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee                         | House   | Referred To | Nov 12, 2013 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee    | House   | Referred to | Dec 13, 2013 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Nov 13, 2013 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Nov 13, 2013 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee                 | House   | Referred to | Nov 25, 2013 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 113 S 1262 | Related bill | Nov 19, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. |

## Summary (as of Nov 12, 2013)

Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a veterans conservation corps to assist unemployed veterans in the transition from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life and to employ such veterans: (1) in conservation, resource management, firefighting, law enforcement, and historic preservation projects on public lands; (2) in maintenance and improvement projects for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration; and (3) as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and disaster relief personnel.

Requires priority to be given to the employment of veterans who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Requires, as part of the veterans conservation corps: (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to award grants under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to hire veterans as firefighters, (2) the Attorney General to award grants under the public safety and community policing grant program (COPS ON THE BEAT grant program) under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to hire veterans as law enforcement officers, and (3) the DHS Secretary to provide funds to increase participation by veterans in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Corps program.

Authorizes the VA Secretary to transfer amounts to carry out the corps to the Attorney General, the Chief of Engineers, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, DHS, and Interior.

Directs the VA Secretary to establish a steering committee to establish selection criteria for, and provide advice to the VA Secretary on, the awarding of assistance under this Act.

## Actions Timeline

- Dec 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- Nov 25, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- Nov 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- Nov 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- Nov 12, 2013: Introduced in House
- Nov 12, 2013: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.