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Ensuring Veterans' Resiliency Act

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 24, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 HR 4574 | Related bill | Jul 21, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |
| 113 HR 5048 | Related bill | Jul 18, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 113 S 2425 | Related bill | Jun 4, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |
| 113 S 2182 | Related bill | Mar 27, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |
| 113 S 1296 | Related bill | Oct 30, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-280. |
| 113 HR 2590 | Related bill | Aug 29, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. |

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2014)

Ensuring Veterans' Resiliency Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a three-year pilot program to repay loans used to finance education regarding psychiatric medicine that are obtained from a governmental entity, private financial institution, school, or other authorized entity.

Requires an individual, to be eligible to obtain such a loan repayment, to: (1) be either licensed (or eligible for licensure) to practice psychiatric medicine in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or enrolled in the final year of a residency program leading to a specialty qualification in psychiatric medicine that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; and (2) demonstrate a commitment to a long-term career as a psychiatrist in the VHA, including through a period of obligated service. Directs the Secretary to select at least 10 individuals to participate in each year of the program.

Allows a loan repayment to consist of payment of the principal, interest, and related expenses of such a loan. Prohibits the Secretary from paying more than \$60,000 on behalf of the individual for each year of obligated service the individual agrees to serve.

Makes an individual who participates in the pilot program who fails to satisfy the service commitment liable for prorated loan repayment.

Prohibits an individual who is participating in any other federal program that repays his or her educational loans from participating in the program under this Act.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to conduct a study of pay disparities among VHA psychiatrists.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Introduced in House
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