

## HR 683

Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 22, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 373	Related bill	<b>Jul 24, 2013:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
113 HR 2529	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## Summary (as of Feb 14, 2013)

Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act - Considers a person a spouse, for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veterans' benefits, if the marriage of the individual is valid in the state in which the marriage was entered into or, in the case of a marriage entered into outside any state, if the marriage is valid in the place in which the marriage was entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in a state. Includes as a state the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. territories and possessions.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Feb 22, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 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.

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