

## HR 3040

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	Jul 13, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 13, 2015)

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Directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to develop guidelines for use, by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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

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- **Jul 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2015:** 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.