

S 2038

Fairness for Korean DMZ Veterans Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 27, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 13, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 5, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 5, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3605	Identical bill	Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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This bill provides a presumption of herbicide exposure as the service-connected cause of certain diseases notwithstanding that there is no evidentiary record of any such disease during a veteran's service period.

The bill defines a "veteran" for purposes of this bill as an individual who, during active military, naval, or air service, served in or near the Korean demilitarized zone during the period beginning on September 1, 1967, and ending on August 31, 1971.

The bill specifies such a disease as: (1) a listed disease that becomes manifest, or (2) any additional disease that the Department of Veterans Affairs determines warrants a presumption of service-connection by reason of a positive association with herbicide exposure and that manifests itself within a prescribed period.

Actions Timeline

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