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Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (39 total)

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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Mar 11, 2020 |
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| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
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| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] | D · VA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI] | D · MI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] | D · VA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Mar 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV | | Mar 12, 2020 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | May 13, 2020 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | May 13, 2020 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Jul 1, 2020 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Nov 9, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 11, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 5610 | Related bill | Jan 15, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

Summary (as of Mar 11, 2020)

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This bill provides a presumption of service-connection for Parkinsonism, bladder cancer, hypertension, and hypothyroidism for veterans who served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. Under a presumption of service-connection, specific conditions diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

Actions Timeline

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