

BILLS INTRODUCED REGARDING RETURNING SERVICEMEMBERS & TBI -- 110th Congress

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Bill #/Title	Improve VA Care	Expand VA Staff/ services	Improved Health Care Benefits	Disability Benefits Process (claims)	Care Coord./ Case mngr.	VA--DoD Transition and Collaboration*	Screening for TBI (Pre/post)	Registry (TBI)	Caregiver Training/ Families Paid as Personal Assist. Family Support	Tele-health/ rehab	Prof. Ed. Training	I & R*, Comm. long-term	Re-search
HOUSE BILLS													
H.R. 2206 (signed) (P.L 110-28) supplemental spending		X \$300 M for TBI											
H.R. 67 <i>Veterans Outreach Improvement Act</i> Rep. McIntyre (D-NC)				X									
H.R. 612 <i>Returning Service-members VA Health Insurance Act</i> Rep. Filner (D-CA)			X										
H.R. 1354* <i>Lane Evans Veterans Health & Benefits Improvement Act</i> Rep. Moran (D-VA) S. 117* companion bill--Sen. Obama (D-IL)			X assessment for medical & mental health										
H.R. 1538 <i>Wounded Warriors Assistance Act</i> Rep. Skelton (D-MO) S. 1283*, companion Sen. Pryor (D-AR)	X hot line to report problems			X TBI classification	X case ratios	X seamless transition between DoD/VA					X case manager; disability evaluators		

Editor's note: The purpose of this grid is to capture major themes in legislation being introduced in Congress to address health care and benefits for troops serving in the Global War of Terror. A narrative summary has also been prepared to accompany this grid. (*I & R = Information/Referral; DoD=Department of Defense; VA=Department of Veterans Affairs -- Veterans Administration)

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H.R. 2239 <i>Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Benefits Act</i> Rep. Boozman (R-AR)		X Extend VR services											
H.R. 1541* <i>Coming Together for National Guard & Reserve Families Act</i> Rep. Braley (D-IA) *same as S. 902									X peer family support information/materials	X (mental health)	X child care, educators, profess.	X I & R	X children coping with deployed/injured family
SENATE BILLS													
S. 902 (H.R. 1541) <i>Coming Together for National Guard & Reserve Families Act</i> Sen. Harkin (D-IA)									X peer family support information/materials	X (mental health)	X child care, educators, profess.	X I & R	X children coping with deployed/injured family
S. 986 <i>Combat-Related Special Compensation Act</i> Sen. Reid (D-NV)			X pro-rated military retirement pay/disability compensation										
S. 1044 <i>Effective Care for the Armed Forces & Veterans Act</i> Sen. Biden (D-DE)	X Walter Reed; long-term care			X TBI presumptive condition		X electronically transfer medical records	X						X NIH

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S. 1065 Heroes at Home Act Sen. Clinton (D-NY)							X pre & post		X family caregiver; personal assistant	X also mental; health			
S. 1116 Mental Health Care for Our Wounded Warriors Act Sen. Lieberman (IN-CT)			X DoD to establish 2 centers for prevention/ identifying, treatment of mental health/TBI										X Centers on Mental Health Excellence
S. 1233 Veterans TBI Rehab Act of 2007 Sen. Akaka (D-HI)	X minimally responsive veterans	X use non-VA facilities				X minimally responsive program in collaboration with DVVIC/VA					X diagnosing mild TBI	X assisted living	X NIDRR Model Systems
S. 1271 Homecoming Enhancement Research & Oversight (HERO) Act Sen. Obama (D-IL)			X DoD contract study assess mental health phys. & readjustment needs associated with TBI; other issues										X Nat'l Academy of Science phys./m.h. needs
S. 1349 Military & Veterans TBI Treatment Act Sen. Durbin (D-IL)		X private providers	X ensure continuity of care from military to civilian life		X VA/DoD	X program of outreach on availability of screening; case man.	X computer based exams				X to DoD/VA staff		X
S. 1363 Bridging the Gap for Wounded Soldiers Act Sen. Clinton (D-NY)			X			X transition office to help to transition from military to civilian life							

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