



H.R. 674 – TO AMEND TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE, TO REPEAL THE PROVISION OF LAW REQUIRING TERMINATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 674 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) on January 24, 2007. The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs agreed to the bill by voice vote on July 16, 2008.

H.R. 674 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans (ACMV) was established under the Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-446). The ACMV consists of veterans who represent the needs and concerns of different minority groups of veterans. Responsibilities of the ACMV include advising the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs and Congress on the Department of Veterans' Affairs administration of healthcare benefits and services offered to minority veterans, and providing annual reports to Congress outlining how to better address these needs.

SUMMARY

H.R. 674 repeals the provision of the Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act which requires the termination of the ACMV on December 31, 2009. Under the bill, the ACMV is extended indefinitely.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that "implementing H.R. 674 would result in discretionary outlays of about \$1 million over the 2010-2013 period," and that enacting H.R. 674 would "not affect direct spending or revenues."

[Full CBO Cost estimate for H.R. 674](#)

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