



H.R. 1470 - Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act

Floor Situation

H.R. 1470 is being considered on the floor by suspending the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bob Filner (D-CA) on March 12, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, by voice vote, on May 15, 2007.

H.R. 1470 is expected to be considered on May 21, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 1470 requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs ("VA") to provide chiropractic care to veterans at 75 VA medical centers by December 31, 2009. The bill also requires that all VA medical centers provide chiropractic care by December 31, 2011.

Background

Currently, close to 30 of the VA's medical centers provide chiropractic care to veterans, which accounts for roughly 20% of the medical centers. In total, there are 155 VA medical centers throughout the United States.

Veterans may receive chiropractic care on a fee-for-service basis if they do not reside close to a VA medical center that offers chiropractic care.

Cost

"CBO estimates that implementing this bill would increase discretionary costs to VA by \$3 million in 2008 and \$74 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues."
Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate

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