

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 476

To provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet  
3 Nurse Corps Equity Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE MILITARY SERV-**  
5 **ICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
7 401(a)(1)(A) of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (38  
8 U.S.C. 106 note), the Secretary of Defense is deemed to  
9 have determined that qualified service of a person con-  
10 stituted active military service.

11 (b) DETERMINATION OF DISCHARGE STATUS.—(1)  
12 The Secretary of Defense shall issue an honorable dis-  
13 charge under section 401(a)(1)(B) of the GI Bill Improve-  
14 ment Act of 1977 to each person whose qualified service  
15 warrants an honorable discharge.

16 (2) Such discharge shall be issued before the end of  
17 the one-year period beginning on the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**

20 No benefits may be paid to any person as a result  
21 of the enactment of this Act for any period before the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act.

23 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

24 For purposes of this Act, the term “qualified service”  
25 means service of a person as a member of the organization  
26 known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during

- 1 the period beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on De-
- 2 cember 15, 1945.

