

HR 1078

Broken Promises Retiree Health Coverage Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (May 30, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kleczka, Gerald D. [D-WI-4]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4] | D · MA | | Mar 20, 2001 |
| Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24] | D · TX | | Mar 20, 2001 |
| Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9] | D · MI | | Mar 20, 2001 |
| Rep. Thurman, Karen L. [D-FL-5] | D · FL | | Mar 20, 2001 |
| Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21] | D · NY | | Mar 21, 2001 |
| Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1] | D · PA | | Mar 27, 2001 |
| Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8] | D · MN | | Apr 3, 2001 |
| Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28] | D · NY | | May 2, 2001 |
| Rep. Horn, Stephen [R-CA-38] | R · CA | | Jun 26, 2001 |
| Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17] | D · IL | | Jun 21, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred to | May 30, 2001 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 2, 2001 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 22, 2001 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 15, 2001)

Broken Promises Retiree Health Coverage Act of 2001 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to make certain individuals between the ages of 55 and 65 eligible to enroll in Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) if the individual was covered as a qualified retiree under a group health plan which terminated such coverage. Outlines premium requirements.

Provides for an open enrollment period under the Medicare supplemental health insurance policies (Medigap) program for certain retired workers enrolled in Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) and entitled to benefits under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) whose coverage under a group health plan is terminated.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to provide for COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) continuation coverage for certain retired workers whose coverage under a group health plan is terminated. Sets forth a special rule for certain dependents in such case as well as permits an increased level of premiums.

Amends ERISA and the IRC to mandate that advance notice of any material reduction in covered services or benefits provided under a group health plan relating to retiree health benefits be furnished to participants and beneficiaries as well as to the Secretary of Labor. Prescribes a civil penalty for violations of such requirement.

Actions Timeline

- **May 30, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Apr 2, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 22, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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