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S 1606

Equal Access to Care Act of 2001 Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Health Introduced: Oct 31, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Oct 31, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: FL • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	$D \cdot IL$		Oct 31, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	$D \cdot NC$		Oct 31, 2001
Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	$D \cdot FL$		Mar 12, 2002
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	$D \cdot MA$		Mar 19, 2002
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 23, 2002
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	$D \cdot M D$		May 23, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 31, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 31, 2001)

Equal Access to Care Act of 2001 - Amends title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of Federal funds to provide payments under a Federal health care program to any health care provider who charges a membership or any other extraneous or incidental fee to a patient, or requires a patient to purchase an item or service, as a prerequisite for the provision of an item or service.

Actions Timeline
 Oct 31, 2001: Introduced in Senate Oct 31, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.