

HR 1639

Common Sense Medical Malpractice Reform Act of 2001

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 26, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.  
(May 8, 2001)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Toomey, Patrick J. [R-PA-15]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schaffer, Bob [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 26, 2001
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jun 27, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 8, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 26, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Common Sense Medical Malpractice Reform Act of 2001 - Establishes an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedure for all health care liability actions, except an action for damages arising from a vaccine-related injury or death to the extent that title XXI of the Public Health Service Act applies.

Establishes ceilings for noneconomic and punitive damages, and contingency fees.

Declares that any ADR used to resolve a health care liability action or claim shall contain provisions for a statute of limitations, noneconomic damages, joint and several liability, punitive damages, a collateral source rule, periodic payments, and limitations on contingent fees which are identical to the provisions of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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