

HR 498

Blind Empowerment Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: Feb 7, 2001

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. (Feb 14, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ehrlich, Robert L., Jr. [R-MD-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (250 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Baldacci, John Elias [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Bentsen, Ken [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Ganske, Greg [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Gilman, Benjamin A. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Hansen, James V. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. LaFalce, John J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Meek, Carrie P. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2001

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Rep. Morella, Constance A. [R-MD-8]	R · MD		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Nethercutt, George R., Jr. [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Nussle, Jim [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Phelps, David D. [D-IL-19]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-9]	R · WI		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Traficant, James A., Jr. [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2001
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 7, 2001
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Feb 7, 2001
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Bereuter, Doug [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Bonior, David E. [D-MI-10]	D · MI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Borski, Robert A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Cannon, Chris [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Clayton, Eva M. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Cooksey, John [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2001

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Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-51]	R · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Gutknecht, Gil [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Hall, Tony P. [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Hilliard, Earl F. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Istook, Ernest J., Jr. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Largent, Steve [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-19]	R · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-6]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Maloney, James H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Mink, Patsy T. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Osborne, Tom [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 14, 2001

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Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-30]	R · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Rivers, Lynn N. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Roukema, Marge [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Sawyer, Tom [D-OH-14]	D · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Sununu, John E. [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Watkins, Wes [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Watts, J. C., Jr. [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Blagojevich, Rod R. [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-43]	R · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Clement, Bob [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 28, 2001

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Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Dunn, Jennifer [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Horn, Stephen [R-CA-38]	R · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Mascara, Frank [D-PA-20]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Riley, Bob [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Schaffer, Bob [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Thurman, Karen L. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Coyne, William J. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Hobson, David L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 7, 2001

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Rep. Kleczka, Gerald D. [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-5]	R · IA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Shows, Ronnie [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Spence, Floyd [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Mar 7, 2001
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Fletcher, Ernie [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Ose, Doug [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 6, 2001
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jun 6, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2001)

Blind Empowerment Act of 2001 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to increase, by specified increments over five years, the level of earnings demonstrating the ability of a blind person to engage in substantial gainful activity for purposes of determining disability insurance benefit payments.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 7, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.