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Bipartisan Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 15, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 15, 2001)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/889>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 15, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]	R · VT		May 15, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 15, 2001)

Bipartisan Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001 - Sets forth provisions concerning group health plans and health insurers and the provision of certain advice and care, including: (1) emergency care; (2) obstetric and gynecological care; (3) specialists care; (4) prescription drugs; (5) participation in approved clinical trials; (6) pediatric care; and (7) health plan information.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to, among other things: (1) provide for review and appeal of health plan decisions; (2) provide penalties and court remedies for health plans failing to provide benefits; (3) provide limitations on certain class action litigation; (4) provide for limitation on preemption of State law respecting health insurance issuers; and (5) provide for patient protection standards.

Establishes in the Department of Health and Human Services a Patient's Protection Board.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4951-4953)
- **May 15, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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