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S 120

Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Taxation
Introduced: Jan 9, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S154-155)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S154-155) (Jan

9, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	$D \cdot IN$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	$R \cdot KS$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	$R \cdot MT$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]	$R \cdot IL$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	$R \cdot NE$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Jan 13, 2003
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$		Jan 15, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jan 17, 2003
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 12, 2003
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Mar 12, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2003)

Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to provide that the basic standard deduction on a joint return shall be equal to 200 percent of the dollar amount of an individual who is not married. Makes the maximum taxable income in the lowest joint bracket equal to double the maximum taxable income in the lowest single filer bracket.

Increases the earned income credit phaseout amount on a joint return by \$3,000.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 9, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 9, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S154)
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