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S 1702

Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Taxation Introduced: Oct 2, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12378-

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 2, 2003)

Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to health insurance, to provide for the treatment of domestic partners on an equal basis with spouses by designating as a dependent any individual who is an eligible beneficiary under an employer's health insurance plan.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 2, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 2, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12378)
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