

HR 208

Senior Safety Protection Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Senior Safety Protection Act of 2003 - Amends title XI of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require long term care providers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs to perform criminal background checks on skilled nursing facility and nursing facility employee applicants. Prohibits a provider from hiring workers who have any conviction for a relevant crime or with respect to whom a finding of patient or resident abuse has been made. Details Federal and State requirements to conduct the background checks needed for the provider screening.

Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) to provide for expansion of the State nurse aid registry under the Medicare and Medicaid programs to collect information about long-term care provider employees other than nurse aides.

Amends SSA title XI to provide for inclusion of abusive workers in the database established as part of the national health care fraud and abuse data collection program.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration program to provide grants to develop information on best practices in patient abuse prevention training for managers and staff of long-term care facilities. Directs the Secretary and the Attorney General to establish a more efficient background check system that provides for a more immediate determination of criminal status.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide an annual grant to any applicant State to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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