HR 2196

Medical Independence, Privacy, and Innovation Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2003
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2544	Related bill	**Sep 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

Summary (as of May 21, 2003)

Medical Independence, Privacy, and Innovation Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate language making the medical expense deduction only apply to the extent the relevant expenses exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. Permits the deduction in computing adjusted gross income.

Exempts medical checking accounts from being subjected to certain taxes. Subjects such accounts to taxes on unrelated business income of charitable organizations. Allows a deduction equal to the amount paid in cash to an individual's medical checking account (up to $1,000, or $2,000 in the case of a joint return) and a credit (of up to $1,000) for contributions made to such account.

Excludes from gross income any amount paid or distributed out of a medical checking account which is used exclusively to pay qualified medical expenses of any account holder.

Decreases the minimum annual deductibles under a high deductible health plan for purposes of Archer medical savings accounts.

Makes modifications to regulations regarding the privacy of individually identifiable health information.

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to establish new rules restricting the use of Social Security account numbers to applicable Social Security Administration and tax related purposes.

Prohibits a Federal agency from conditioning receipt of any Federal grant or contract on the adoption, by a State or State agency or by a political subdivision of a State, of a uniform standard for individual identification.

Amends the definition of drug in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to exclude articles intended for use in the mitigation or prevention of disease in man or other animals. (Current law includes such articles in the definition).

Amends the Act to direct the Secretary to promulgate regulations permitting pharmacists and wholesalers to import prescription drugs from foreign nations, with such regulations to require that each such drug complies with sections of the Act pertaining to new drugs, adulterated drugs and devices, and misbranded drugs and devices, and with other applicable requirements of this Act. (Current law directs the Secretary to promulgate regulations permitting pharmacists and wholesalers to import prescription drugs, except for specified controlled substances and biological products).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.
- **Jun 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 29, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 29, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 29, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **May 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, 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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