

HR 2544

Medical Independence, Privacy, and Innovation Act of 2003

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 4, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2196	Related bill	Jun 12, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.

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.

Prohibits the granting of an exclusive or partially exclusive license regarding an invention made with Federal assistance, except in accordance with specified provisions of Federal law pertaining to the licensing of Federally owned inventions.

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic 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

- **Sep 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Jul 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 27, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5808-5811)
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