

S 2566

Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2004

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 23, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 5156	Identical bill	Oct 8, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Summary (as of Jun 23, 2004)

Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2004 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) phase out the waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits under SSA title XVIII (Medicare); and (2) eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions to become eligible for Medicare benefits.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to request that the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences conduct a study on the range of disability conditions that can be delayed or prevented if individuals receive access to health care services and coverage before the condition reaches disability levels.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 23, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 23, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 6/24/2004 S7321-7322)
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