

HR 399

Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

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Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 28, 2003
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Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2003
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 12, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 13, 2003
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 573	Related bill	Dec 8, 2003: Held at the desk.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the House on January 28, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2003 - (Sec. 3) Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants or contracts to States, transplant centers, qualified organ procurement organizations, or other public or private entities for the purpose of providing payment for: (1) travel and subsistence expenses incurred by individuals toward living donations of their organs; and (2) such incidental nonmedical expenses that are so incurred as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

Sets forth payment eligibility criteria and limitations, including that payments may be made for the qualifying expenses of a donating individual only if: (1) the State in which the donating individual resides is a different State than the State in which the intended recipient of the organ resides; and (2) the annual income of the intended recipient of the organ does not exceed \$35,000.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary to (directly or through grants or contracts) carry out a program to educate the public with respect to organ donation, including the need to provide for an adequate rate of such donations.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose of carrying out studies and demonstration projects with respect to providing for an adequate rate of organ donation.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to States for the purpose of assisting States in carrying out organ donor awareness, public education and outreach activities and programs designed to increase the number of organ donors within a State, including living donors.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Mr. Tauzin moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1763-1766)
- **Mar 12, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 399.
- **Mar 12, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1776-1777)
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425 - 3 (Roll no. 59).(text: CR H1763-1764)
- **Mar 12, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425 - 3 (Roll no. 59). (text: CR H1763-1764)
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 108-15.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 9.
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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