

Bill Fact Sheet – December 5, 2025 https://legilist.com Bill page: https://legilist.com/bill/108/hr/618

HR 618

Poverty Trap Study Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House
Policy Area: Taxation
Introduced: Feb 5, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Feb 5, 2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/618

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]

Party: Republican • State: WI • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	$R \cdot PA$		Feb 12, 2003
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	$R \cdot NY$		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	$R \cdot WI$		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	$R \cdot IN$		Feb 25, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 5, 2003)

Poverty Trap Study Act of 2003 - Establishes the National Commission on Marginal Tax Rates for the Working Poor to: (1) determine the total effective marginal rate of tax from all taxes and benefit program phaseouts that persons are subject to at all earnings levels between \$7,000 and \$30,000 per year for at least five States, including Wisconsin and California; and (2) report to Congress. Authorizes appropriations. Terminates the Commission 30 days after the submission of its report.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 5, 2003: Introduced in House
- Feb 5, 2003: Introduced in House
- Feb 5, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H278, E132)
- Feb 5, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.