

HR 78

Infant Protection and Baby Switching Prevention Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 6, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 21, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Infant Protection and Baby Switching Prevention Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require certain hospitals reimbursed under Medicare to have in effect security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction and baby switching, including procedures for identifying all infant patients in the hospital in a manner that ensures that it will be evident if infants are missing. Establishes civil penalties for failure to have such security procedures in effect.

Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit and establish criminal penalties for baby switching in hospitals.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jan 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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