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Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 9, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2869	Related bill	Jul 1, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
109 HR 2343	Text similarities	May 23, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

Summary (as of Jun 9, 2005)

Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2005 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) 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 such benefits.

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

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6320-6321)
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6322)