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HR 1402

Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Mar 17, 2005

Current Status: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Kennedy (RI). Petition No: 109-18. (http://clerk

Latest Action: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Kennedy (RI). Petition No: 109-18. (Discharge petition text with signatures.) (Sep 28, 2006)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/1402

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (231 total)

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Cosponsor	•	ole Date Joined
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN	Mar 17, 2005
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN	Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV	Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH	Apr 13, 2005
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA	Apr 28, 2005
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT	May 5, 2005
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Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA	May 12, 2005
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI	May 12, 2005
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN	May 12, 2005
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC	May 12, 2005
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	$D \cdot IL$	May 12, 2005
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	$D \cdot NY$	May 12, 2005
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR	May 24, 2005
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA	May 24, 2005
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA	Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH	Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D·KS	Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA	Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI	Jun 9, 2005
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA	Jun 9, 2005
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA	Jun 14, 2005
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA	Jun 16, 2005
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN	Jun 16, 2005
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME	Jun 16, 2005
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC	Jun 20, 2005
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ	Jun 20, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY	Jun 21, 2005
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY	Jun 28, 2005
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY	Jun 28, 2005
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI	Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI	Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA	Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ	Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX	Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	$D\cdotMD$	Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	$D\cdotMD$	Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA	Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D·IL	Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA	Jul 12, 2005
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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA	Roic	Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2005
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Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2005
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2005
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R·FL		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	$R \cdot MI$		Jul 21, 2005
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	$R \cdot AL$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23]	$R \cdot TX$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8]	$R \cdot FL$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	$R \cdot NY$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	$R \cdot IL$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	$R \cdot IA$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	$R \cdot NJ$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	$R \cdot NY$		Jul 22, 2005
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D·IL		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R·FL		Jul 26, 2005
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Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX	Kuic	Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2005
	D · CO		
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]			Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Jul 26, 2005
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Mollohan, Alan B. [D-WV-1]	D · WV		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	$D \cdot NY$		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	$D \cdot NY$		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 27, 2005
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jul 27, 2005

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Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY	Role	Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2005
	D · AR		
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]			Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D·IL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D·IL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D·IL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	$R \cdot IL$		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D·IL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jul 28, 2005

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Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA	Role	Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2005
	D · WI		
Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]			Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]	D · TN		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 28, 2005
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R·NY		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jul 29, 2005
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2005
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Sep 14, 2005
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	$R \cdot NJ$		Sep 21, 2005
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Sep 21, 2005
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 27, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	$R \cdot SC$		Sep 27, 2005
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	$D \cdot OR$		Oct 6, 2005
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Oct 6, 2005
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	$D \cdot NY$		Oct 6, 2005
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Oct 6, 2005
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Oct 6, 2005
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Oct 18, 2005
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 18, 2005

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Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 18, 2005
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Oct 25, 2005
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	$R \cdot NY$		Oct 25, 2005
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Oct 25, 2005
Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Oct 28, 2005
Rep. Bean, Melissa L. [D-IL-8]	D·IL		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	$R \cdot FL$		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	$R \cdot FL$		Nov 15, 2005
Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20]	$R \cdot NY$		Nov 15, 2005
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	$D \cdot DC$		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D·IL		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	$R \cdot NJ$		Mar 8, 2006
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2006
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Apr 4, 2006
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	$R \cdot AK$		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	$R \cdot PA$		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	$R \cdot LA$		Jun 29, 2006
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	$R \cdot OH$		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	$R \cdot WY$		Dec 5, 2006
Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 18, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2005 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Public Health Service Act to prohibit a group health plan or group health coverage that provides both medical and surgical benefits and mental health benefits from imposing treatment limitations or financial requirements on the mental health benefits unless comparable limitations or requirements are imposed on medical and surgical benefits. Excludes such requirements for plans and coverage for small employers.

Allows a plan or coverage that provides in-network mental health benefits to provide out-of-network mental health benefits using treatment limitations or financial requirements that are not comparable to those applied to medical-surgical benefits if the in-network mental health benefits are provided at parity with medical-surgical benefits and with reasonable access.

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to: (1) study the effects of this Act on health insurance costs and access and quality of health care; and (2) provide a cost estimation of extending such requirements to the treatment of substance abuse and chemical dependency.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 28, 2006: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Kennedy (RI). Petition No: 109-18. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)
- Apr 18, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- Mar 22, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- Mar 17, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Mar 17, 2005: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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