

HR 2046

Servicemembers' Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 3, 2005
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 3, 2005
Rep. Herseth, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		May 3, 2005
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 5, 2005
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	R · FL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		May 12, 2005
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 12, 2005
Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		May 12, 2005
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		May 12, 2005
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		May 12, 2005
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 12, 2005
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		May 12, 2005
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 12, 2005
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		May 12, 2005
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 12, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		May 17, 2005
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 17, 2005
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 17, 2005
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 17, 2005
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		May 17, 2005
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 18, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 18, 2005
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 18, 2005
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 19, 2005
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 19, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 5, 2005
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1235	Related bill	Jun 15, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-233.

Summary (as of May 23, 2005)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 19, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Servicemembers' Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005 - Amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to entitle a servicemember ordered to active duty, upon release from active duty, to reinstatement of health insurance in effect on the day before service commenced without any premium increase for the balance of the period for which there would have been coverage had it not been terminated. Permits a health care insurance carrier to increase a servicemember's premium if there was general premium increase for similarly covered individuals during the period between the termination and the reinstatement.

Amends the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) to preserve employer-sponsored health plan reinstatement rights for certain Reserve-component members who prior to entering active duty acquire TRICARE (a Department of Defense managed health care program) eligibility.

Makes technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004.

Amends the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief Act, 2005 to repeal provisions revising codified law concerning elections of members to reduce or decline insurance, and the redesignation of beneficiaries, under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. Reinstates the codified provisions as if such amendments had not been enacted.

Requires that, whenever a member eligible for SGLI insurance executes a life insurance option (an option not to be insured, to be insured for less than the maximum coverage amount, or to designate a person other than a spouse or child as a beneficiary), the Secretary of the military department concerned shall notify the member's spouse or (if not married) next of kin of the execution of such option. Requires that, whenever an unmarried member who is eligible for such insurance marries, the Secretary concerned shall notify the member's spouse as to whether the member is insured under SGLI, what insurance coverage elections the member has made, and whether the member has designated a beneficiary other than the spouse or a child of such member.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 23, 2005:** Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3740-3743)
- **May 23, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2046.
- **May 23, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3740-3741)
- **May 23, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3740-3741)
- **May 23, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 19, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109-88.
- **May 19, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109-88.
- **May 19, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 45.
- **May 11, 2005:** Provisions of H.R. 1292 Incorporated in This Measure, Section 4.
- **May 11, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 5, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 5, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **May 3, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **May 3, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E855)
- **May 3, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.