

## HR 2671

Vision Preservation Act of 2005

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 26, 2005
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Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 29, 2005
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Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Oct 7, 2005
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Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Dec 16, 2005
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Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 16, 2005
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2006
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 2, 2006
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Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Mar 15, 2006
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Mar 15, 2006
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Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		May 9, 2006
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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 29, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Vision Preservation Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to expand and intensify programs to increase awareness of vision problems, including: (1) activities to establish a solid scientific base of knowledge on the prevention and control of vision problems and related disabilities; (2) research within CDC on the prevention and management of vision loss; and (3) programs targeted to prevent vision loss, treat eye and vision conditions, and rehabilitate people of all ages who are blind or partially sighted in underserved and minority communities.

Amends the Social Security Act to include within the maternal and child health service block grant program the introduction of core performance measures on eye health by incorporating vision screening standards into state programs.

Requires the Director of NIH to expand, intensify, and coordinate programs for the conduct and support of research with respect to vision loss prevention and vision rehabilitation.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for vision rehabilitation services.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) conduct a study on barriers faced by medically underserved populations to vision services that are covered under the medicare program, including vision rehabilitation and other vision-related services; and (2) enter into an agreement with the Institute of Medicine to study the cost benefit of providing a universal dilated eye exam under the medicare program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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