

HR 4022

Reconstructive Surgery Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Nov 17, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2006
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 9, 2006
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Jul 19, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reconstructive Surgery Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to require a group health plan, and a health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage, that provide coverage for surgery to also cover reconstructive surgery, including medically-necessary treatment for preoperative and postoperative care. Defines "reconstructive surgery" as any medically necessary and appropriate surgery performed to correct or repair abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease to: (1) improve functions; or (2) give the patient a normal appearance. Excludes cosmetic surgery that is performed to alter or reshape normal structures of the body in order to improve appearance.

Applies such requirements to health insurance coverage offered in the individual market.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Oct 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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