

## HR 4164

Helping America Hear Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 27, 2005

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Mar 24, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/4164>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2006
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2005
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 27, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 27, 2005)

Helping America Hear Act of 2005 - Requires each federal employee health benefits plan to provide coverage for at least two hearing aids every three years, except that such plan need not cover more than \$2,500 for hearing aids for any individual in any three-year period.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to require a group health plan that provides hospital and surgical benefits to also provide such hearing aid coverage.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require health insurance offered in the individual market to provide such coverage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 24, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Nov 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Oct 27, 2005:** Introduced in House
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