

HR 534

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 2, 2005

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
(Feb 25, 2005)

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| Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40] | R · CA | | Feb 2, 2005 |
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| Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2] | R · ID | | Feb 2, 2005 |
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| Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3] | R · IN | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6] | R · FL | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20] | R · NY | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6] | R · CO | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11] | R · NC | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4] | D · MS | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Thomas, William M. [R-CA-22] | R · CA | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12] | R · OH | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3] | R · OH | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25] | R · NY | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3] | R · TN | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15] | R · FL | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11] | R · IL | | Feb 2, 2005 |
| Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-8] | R · GA | | Feb 2, 2005 |
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| Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29] | R · NY | | Mar 8, 2005 |
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| Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11] | R · VA | | Mar 15, 2005 |
| Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5] | R · IN | | Apr 6, 2005 |
| Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1] | R · AL | | Apr 26, 2005 |
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| Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11] | R · TX | | Apr 26, 2005 |
| Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3] | R · SC | | May 3, 2005 |
| Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24] | R · TX | | Jun 14, 2005 |
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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 25, 2005 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 2, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 109 HR 4838 | Related bill | Mar 17, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman. |
| 109 HR 5 | Identical bill | Jul 29, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |
| 109 S 354 | Related bill | Feb 17, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1603-1605) |
| 109 S 366 | Related bill | Feb 10, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |
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Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005 -Sets forth provisions regulating lawsuits for health care liability claims concerning the provision of health care goods or services or any medical product affecting interstate commerce.

Sets a statute of limitations of three years after the date of manifestation of injury or one year after the claimant discovers the injury, with certain exceptions.

Provides that nothing in this Act limits recovery of the full amount of available economic damages. Limits noneconomic damages to \$250,000. Makes each party liable only for the amount of damages directly proportional to such party's percentage of responsibility.

Allows the court to restrict the payment of attorney contingency fees. Limits the fees to a decreasing percentage based on the increasing value of the amount awarded.

Prescribes qualifications for expert witnesses.

Allows the introduction of collateral source benefits and the amount paid to secure such benefits as evidence. Prohibits a provider of such benefits from recovering any amount from an award in a health care lawsuit involving injury or wrongful death.

Authorizes the award of punitive damages only where: (1) it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that a person acted with malicious intent to injure the claimant or deliberately failed to avoid unnecessary injury the claimant was substantially certain to suffer; and (2) compensatory damages are awarded. Limits punitive damages to the greater of two times the amount of economic damages or \$250,000.

Limits the liability of manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, and providers of medical products that comply with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards.

Provides for periodic payments of future damage awards.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
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