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# HR 580

Seniors' Health Care Freedom Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House Policy Area: Health Introduced: Feb 2, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman. 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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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	$R \cdot NC$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	$R \cdot CO$		Feb 8, 2005
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	$R \cdot TX$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	$R \cdot SC$		Apr 12, 2005
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Apr 19, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2005

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Health

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5211	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .

Seniors' Health Care Freedom Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for facilitating the use of private contracts under Medicare.

Declares that no persons otherwise eligible for old-age benefits under Social Security shall be denied such benefits because of their voluntary refusal to participate in any part of the Medicare program.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Feb 25, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- Feb 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Feb 2, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E133)
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