

HR 5542

Preserving Access to Hospice (PATH) Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 10, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]

Party: Republican • State: OK • Chamber: House

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Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 6, 2008
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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Mar 6, 2008
Rep. Fallin, Mary [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Mar 6, 2008
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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 6, 2008
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2008
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Mar 13, 2008
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Apr 10, 2008
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		May 21, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2727	Identical bill	<b>Mar 6, 2008:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2008)

Preserving Access to Hospice (PATH) Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary moratorium, from November 1, 2005, through October 31, 2008, on enforcement of the hospice cap amount.

Directs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to study and report on: (1) the resource effectiveness and quality of hospice care as a substitute benefit for other acute care alternatives under Medicare; (2) the optimal median and average length of stay in hospice care under Medicare; (3) the reasons for persistently low median and average length of such stays; and (4) the desirability of requiring a national coverage determination of eligibility for hospice care under Medicare.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.