

## HR 5923

Patients' Health Care Reform Act

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**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. (May 7, 2008)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Apr 29, 2008
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Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Sep 11, 2008
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Sep 29, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 30, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 29, 2008)

Patients' Health Care Reform Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and governance of : (1) HealthMarts, which are nonprofit organizations that offer health benefits coverage to employers, employees, and individuals through contracts with health insurance issuers; and (2) individual membership associations (IMAs), which are organizations that offer health benefits coverage to members through health insurance issuer contracts.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to pay 50% of a state's costs to provide health benefits coverage under a high-risk pool, a reinsurance pool, or other risk-adjustment mechanisms used to subsidize the purchase of private health insurance.

Small Business Access and Choice for Entrepreneurs Act of 2007 [*sic*]- Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans, which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide individuals with a tax credit for payments for qualified health insurance and allows the Secretary of the Treasury to make advance payments of the credit to providers. Excludes from gross income any compensating coverage payment made by an employer to an employee who elects not to participate in the employer's subsidized health plan.

Requires health insurance issuers offering coverage in connection with a group health plan to provide certain information to the administrator of the plan, including information regarding: (1) plan benefits and exclusions; (2) a participant's financial responsibilities; and (3) legal recourse options for participants and beneficiaries.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 7, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.