

HR 5955

Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 19, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		May 1, 2008
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Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]	R · KS		May 1, 2008
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 6, 2008
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 6, 2008
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 6, 2008
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		May 6, 2008
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 6, 2008
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		May 15, 2008
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 21, 2008
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	R · CO		May 21, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3072	Identical bill	May 22, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of May 1, 2008)

Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2008 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to allow individual taxpayers a refundable tax credit for health insurance costs paid.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs), 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 Public Health Service Act to provide that the laws of the state designated by a health insurance issuer (primary state) shall apply to individual health insurance coverage offered by that issuer in the primary state and in any other state (secondary state), but only if the coverage and issuer comply with certain requirements.

Promoting Health for Future Generations Act of 2008 - Amends the IRC to to revise provisions related to health savings accounts (HSAs), high deductible health plans, and medical savings accounts (MSAs), including to: (1) increase the tax deduction for contributions to HSAs; (2) allow a new tax deduction for high deductible health plan premiums; and (3) allow individual contributions to a Medicare Advantage MSA.

Increased Access to Health Insurance Act of 2008 - Amends the IRC to permit the use of HSAs to purchase health insurance.

Sets forth conditions for lawsuits arising from health care liability claims regarding health care goods or services or any medical product affecting interstate commerce, including: (1) 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; and (2) limits on noneconomic and punitive damages.

Sets forth provisions related to health information technology. Provides for health record banks. Creates safe harbors from civil and criminal penalties in current anti-kickback laws for providing certain health information technology and training services.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 5, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 1, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.