

## HR 6898

### Health-e Information Technology Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 17, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2008
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 18, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Health-e Information Technology Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish: (1) an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; and (2) an HIT Advisory Committee.

Requires the National Coordinator to develop a Health Information Technology Resource Center and to recommend health information technology standards for adoption by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Directs agencies to utilize, where available, health information technology systems and products that meet adopted standards.

Requires the Director of the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) to test adopted standards to assure the efficient implementation and use of such standards.

Amends XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for incentive payments to physicians and inpatient hospitals that meaningfully use a certified health information technology system.

Authorizes the National Coordinator to award grants to purchase qualified health information technology and to implement regional or local health information plans.

Provides for grants to develop academic curricula integrating qualified health information technology in the clinical education of health professionals.

Revises provisions governing the privacy and security of health information, including to: (1) extend requirements to business associates of a covered entity; (2) require notification in the event of a breach of protected health information; (3) limit disclosure of such information to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose; and (4) revise penalties for violations.

Requires the Secretary to appoint a Chief Privacy Officer of the Office of National Coordinator to assist in carrying out duties related to the privacy and security of health information.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 18, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1790)
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Science and Technology, 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.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.