

HR 1721

CLASS Act

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Rep. Kilroy, Mary Jo [D-OH-15]	D · OH		Jul 13, 2009
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2009
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Sep 21, 2009
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2009
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Oct 22, 2009
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2009
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Dec 15, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 25, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2009
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 25, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 25, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 697	Identical bill	Mar 25, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act or the CLASS Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to create a national, voluntary disability insurance program (CLASS program) under which: (1) all employees are automatically enrolled, but are allowed to waive enrollment; (2) payroll deductions pay monthly premiums; and (3) two-tiered benefits are provided, based on the level of disability, to purchase nonmedical services and supports that the beneficiary needs to maintain independence.

Establishes the Independence Fund within the Treasury.

Requires the CLASS program to be treated for tax purposes in the same manner as a qualified long-term care insurance contract.

Amends the Social Security Act to require each state to: (1) assess the extent to which personal care services providers are serving or able to serve as fiscal agents, employers, and providers of employment-related benefits for personal care attendant workers, who provide personal care services to individuals receiving benefits under this Act; (2) designate or create entities to serve such purposes; and (3) ensure that such entities will not negatively alter or impede existing programs, models, methods, or administration of service delivery that provide for consumer controlled or self-directed home and community services, impede the ability of individuals to direct and control their home and community services, or inhibit individuals from relying on family members for such services.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory Panel to examine and advise the Secretary and Congress on workforce issues related to personal care attendant workers.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow: (1) a deduction for premiums paid for the CLASS program; (2) a credit for CLASS program enrollees with low income; and (3) a credit for employers for the cost incurred to automatically enroll employees and withhold monthly premiums.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Rules, and the Budget, 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 25, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Referred to House Rules
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Referred to House Budget