

HR 20

Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2009
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jan 9, 2009
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 9, 2009
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 4, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 4, 2009
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 324	Identical bill	Jan 26, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 30, 2009)

Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom's Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act or the Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act - **Title I: Research on Postpartum Conditions** - (Sec. 101) Encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services to continue: (1) activities on postpartum depression; and (2) research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and treatments for, postpartum conditions.

(Sec. 102) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health may conduct a nationally representative longitudinal study of the relative mental health consequences for women of resolving a pregnancy in various ways, including carrying the pregnancy to term and parenting the child, carrying the pregnancy to term and placing the child for adoption, miscarriage, and having an abortion.

Title II: Delivery of Services Regarding Postpartum Conditions - (Sec. 201) Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary to make grants for projects for the establishment, operation, and coordination of effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with a postpartum condition and their families. Directs the Secretary to ensure that such projects provide education and services with respect to the diagnosis and management of postpartum conditions. Authorizes such projects to include: (1) delivering or enhancing outpatient home-based health and support services; and (2) providing education to new mothers and their families about postpartum conditions to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment. Sets forth grant requirements. Authorizes the Secretary to provide technical assistance to entities seeking a grant.

Title III: General Provisions - (Sec. 301) Authorizes appropriations for FY2010-FY2012.

(Sec. 302) Directs the Secretary to study and report to Congress on the benefits of screening for postpartum conditions.

(Sec. 303) Prohibits the Secretary from utilizing amounts appropriated under this Act to carry out activities or programs that are duplicative of activities or programs that are already being carried out through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4081-4084)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 20.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4101-4102)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 8 (Roll no. 164). (text: CR H4081-4082)
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- **Mar 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 111-48.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.