

## HR 2516

Medical Rights Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 21, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 20, 2009
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 20, 2009
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		May 20, 2009
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 20, 2009
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 20, 2009
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18]	R · IL		May 20, 2009
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		May 20, 2009
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 20, 2009
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Jun 4, 2009
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 17, 2009
Rep. Lee, Christopher J. [R-NY-26]	R · NY		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2009
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jul 20, 2009
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Jul 30, 2009
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Oct 29, 2009
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Oct 29, 2009
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Oct 29, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3970	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of May 20, 2009)

Medical Rights Act of 2009 - Prohibits federal funds from being used to permit any federal officer or employee to exercise any supervision or control over: (1) the practice of medicine, the practice of other health care professions, or the manner in which health care services are provided; (2) the provision by a physician or a health care practitioner of advice to a patient about the patient's health status or recommended treatment for a condition or disease; (3) the selection, tenure, or compensation of any officer, employee, or contractor of any institution, business, nonfederal agency, or individual providing health care services; or (4) the administration or operation of any such institution, business, nonfederal agency, or individual with respect to the provision of health care services to a patient. Sets forth exceptions for the Veterans Health Administration, the Department of Defense (DOD), the United States Public Health Service, the Indian Health Service, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Prohibits federal funds from being used by any federal officer or employee to prohibit: (1) any individual from receiving health care services from any provider under terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the patient, the provider, and the patient's group health plan; or (2) any person from entering into a contract with any group health plan, health insurance issuer, or other business for the provision of, or payment to other parties for, health care services.

Sets forth provisions to prohibit specified actions to avoid the prohibitions under this Act.

Repeals Medicare provisions restricting private contracts between beneficiaries and physicians or practitioners.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 20, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1222-1223)
- **May 20, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **May 20, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **May 20, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means