

HR 5444

Private Option Health Care Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 29, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2010
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Private Option Health Care Act - Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 and restores the provisions of law amended or repealed by such Acts as if such Acts had not been enacted.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) revise the refundable tax credit for the health insurance costs of individual taxpayers to allow a full credit for health insurance plus the amount contributed to a health savings account; (2) permit up to \$500 of unused health benefits under a health flexible spending arrangement to be carried over to a succeeding plan year or paid directly to an employee as compensation; (3) revise the tax deduction for contributions to a health savings account (HSA) to increase the allowable amount of such deduction and repeal the requirement for coverage under a high deductible health plan; (4) repeal the 7.5% adjusted gross income threshold for the tax deduction for medical expenses; (5) allow a tax credit for the purchase of insurance against negative outcomes from surgery, including those caused by physician malpractice; and (6) allow an exclusion from gross income for damages awarded for medical malpractice in binding arbitration.

Permits interstate purchase of health insurance.

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to repeal provisions restricting the importation of prescription drugs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 28, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E985)
- **May 27, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, House Administration, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Natural Resources, the Judiciary, and Rules, 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 27, 2010:** Referred to House Appropriations
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Administration
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **May 27, 2010:** Referred to House Rules