

## HR 5969

### Ensuring Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Oct 16, 2012
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Nov 15, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3280	Related bill	Jun 7, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 3066	Related bill	Sep 23, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Ensuring Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care Act - Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with respect to the exemption from minimum wage and maximum hour requirements of domestic service employment to provide companionship services for individuals who because of age or infirmity are unable to care for themselves, to provide detailed definitions of "companionship services" and "domestic service employment." Excludes from companionship services those relating to the care and protection of the aged or infirm which require and are performed by trained medical personnel.

Extends the exemption to third-party employment of an employee to provide companionship services to such individuals, including non-medical in-home personal care or household work related to their care. Defines "third-party employment" to mean employees who provide companionship services while employed by an employer or agency other than the family or household using their services, whether or not such an employee is assigned to more than one household or family in the same workweek when providing such services.

Exempts from the Act's maximum hour requirements third-party employment in domestic service of an employee who resides in the household in which the services are provided.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Jun 27, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4067)
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.