

HR 1578

To amend section 1101 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide additional funds to permit additional individuals to enroll under the preexisting condition insurance program and expand eligibility, to be funded through a temporary increase in the cigarette tax, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 23, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 826	Related bill	Apr 25, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 S 194	Related bill	Feb 4, 2013: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S466)

Summary (as of Apr 16, 2013)

Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to: (1) direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to resume taking applications for participation in the temporary high-risk insurance program under such Act and to provide additional funding for such purpose, and (2) eliminate the six-month waiting period for program applicants previously covered under creditable health care coverage.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the rate of the excise tax on small cigarettes to \$52.33 per thousand for the period between 2014 and 2024.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 19, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2013:** 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.