

HR 2834

Federal Benefits Equality Act

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Policy Area: Families

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Sep 13, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2013)

Federal Benefits Equality Act - Declares that, in determining the meaning of any Act of Congress: (1) "marriage" includes a marriage, domestic partnership, civil union, or any other similar legal union between two individuals that is recognized by a state, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe; and (2) "spouse" refers to either member of such a legal union. (Currently, "marriage" is defined only as a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, while "spouse" refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife.)

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.