

## HR 2603

Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jun 10, 2015
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Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jun 10, 2015
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Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 26, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		May 18, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2653	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 1475	Identical bill	<b>Jun 8, 2015:</b> Committee on the Budget. Hearings held in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

### Summary (as of Jun 2, 2015)

#### Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act

Establishes a framework for health care liability lawsuits to undergo review by independent medical review panels if health care professionals (practicing physicians or their agents or employees) allege adherence to applicable clinical practice guidelines.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to publish clinical practice guidelines provided and maintained by national or state medical societies or medical specialty societies designated by HHS. Sets forth standards for the development of guidelines, including standards related to transparency, the composition of the panel, and the review of existing evidence. Prohibits holding a professional organization or a participant in guideline development liable for injury allegedly caused by adherence to a guideline to which they contributed.

Declares that this Act does not preempt: (1) any state or federal law that imposes greater procedural or substantive protections for health care providers and health care organizations from liability, loss, or damages than those provided under this Act; (2) any state or federal law that creates a cause of action; or (3) any defenses otherwise available.

Gives jurisdiction of health care liability actions against health care professionals, providers, or organizations to district courts. Allows a defendant to remove any health care liability action brought in a state court to a district court.

Requires an independent medical review in health care liability actions that have been removed to a district court if the eligible professionals allege that they adhered to applicable clinical practice guidelines. Sets forth procedures for the use of the panel's findings at trial.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.