

## HR 3053

### Medicare Ventricular Assist Device Access Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 17, 2015)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 2, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Medicare Ventricular Assist Device Access Act of 2015**

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to revise the Medicare national coverage determination relating to coverage of ventricular assist devices to extend the coverage of such devices under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act for individuals approved for heart transplantation to apply also to: (1) individuals undergoing an evaluation to determine candidacy for heart transplantation; and (2) individuals who would be heart transplant candidates, but are not so eligible because of a contraindication that may be favorably modified by the use of a ventricular assist device.

Directs HHS to use specified processes to revise its national coverage determination relating to ventricular assist devices to incorporate the requirements of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.