

S 984

Steve Gleason Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 114-40. (Jul 30, 2015)

Law: 114-40 (Enacted Jul 30, 2015)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/984>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 16, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1919	Identical bill	May 4, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 768	Related bill	Mar 18, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 628	Related bill	Feb 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to cover as durable medical equipment any eye tracking and gaze interaction accessories for speech generating devices furnished to individuals with a demonstrated medical need for them.

(Sec. 3) Payment for speech generating devices or accessories shall be made on a rental basis, or in a lump-sum amount for the purchase of the item, without a cap on the amount in the case of devices furnished on or after October 1, 2015, and before October 1, 2018.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-40.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 154.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Mr. Ryan (WI) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5214-5217)
- **Jul 15, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 984.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5214)
- **Jul 15, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5214)
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 114-178, Part I.
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 24, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2319; text as passed Senate: CR S2319)
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2319; text as passed Senate: CR S2319)
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** 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.
- **Apr 20, 2015:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 59.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2284-2285)