

HR 1565

Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act

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Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Apr 28, 2017
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Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2017
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Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Taylor, Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 11, 2017
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		May 17, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 18, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 277	Related bill	Feb 10, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 16, 2017)

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This bill 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), providers, or organizations allege adherence to clinical practice guidelines.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must publish clinical practice guidelines provided and maintained by national or state medical societies or medical specialty societies designated by HHS. HHS must ensure that guidelines are developed in accordance with certain standards, including standards related to transparency, the composition of the panel, and the review of existing evidence. Professional organizations and participants in guideline development may not be held liable for injury allegedly caused by adherence to a guideline to which they contributed.

The bill 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 bill; (2) any state or federal law that creates a cause of action; or (3) any defenses otherwise available.

The bill gives district courts jurisdiction over health care liability actions against health care professionals, providers, or organizations practicing within clinical practice guidelines. Defendants may remove health care liability actions brought in a state court to a district court.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2017:** 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.