

## HR 1639

### Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 24, 2017)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 619	Identical bill	Mar 14, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Mar 20, 2017)

### Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act of 2017

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to include physical therapy within the definition of "primary health services" for purposes of the National Health Service Corps. The bill makes physical therapists eligible for repayment of their educational loans in order to ensure an adequate supply of physical therapists.

## Actions Timeline

- Mar 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Mar 20, 2017: Introduced in House
- Mar 20, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.