

HR 2581

Verify First Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		May 22, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 22, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		May 22, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		May 22, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 22, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 22, 2017
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		May 22, 2017
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		May 22, 2017
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		May 23, 2017
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		May 23, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		May 23, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 23, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jun 2, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2017
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 14, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 2, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 378	Related bill	Jun 13, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 2, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit advance payments of the premium assistance tax credit from being made to an individual unless the Department of the Treasury has received confirmation from the Department of Health and Human Services that the Social Security Administration or the Department of Homeland Security has verified the individual's status as a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

The verification process must include the appropriate use of information related to citizenship or immigration status, such as Social Security numbers (but not individual taxpayer identification numbers).

The bill also amends the Public Health Service Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to permit adjustments to certain health insurance coverage dates for an individual whose eligibility for advance payments is delayed due to the verification requirements.

The bill is contingent on the enactment of the American Health Care Act of 2017 (AHCA). If the AHCA is enacted, the bill applies to: (1) the existing tax credit after December 31, 2017; and (2) the tax credit, as modified by the AHCA, after December 31, 2019.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 14, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 378. (consideration: CR H4875-4883)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2581 and S. 1094, with 1 hour of general debate for each bill. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except a motion to recommit with or without instructions on H.R. 2581, and a motion to commit on S. 1094. Both measures will be considered read and are closed to amendments.
- **Jun 13, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2581.
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Ms. Sanchez moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Ways and Means. (text: CR H4883)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sanchez motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment to add an exemption to the underlying bill for newborn children who are less than one year of age.
- **Jun 13, 2017:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H4883)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Sanchez motion to recommit with instructions, Chair put the question on adoption of the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the yeas had prevailed. Ms. Sanchez demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion to recommit with instructions until later in the later legislative day.
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4896-4898)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 193 - 231 (Roll no. 305). (text: CR H4883)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 184 (Roll no. 306).(text: CR H4875)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 184 (Roll no. 306). (text: CR H4875)
- **Jun 13, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 12, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 378 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2581 and S. 1094. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2581 and S. 1094, with 1 hour of general debate for each bill. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except a motion to recommit with or without instructions on H.R. 2581, and a motion to commit on S. 1094. Both measures will be considered read and are closed to amendments.
- **Jun 2, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 115-161, Part I.
- **Jun 2, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Jun 2, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 108.
- **May 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2017:** 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.