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ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (35 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 17, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2017
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 9, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 15, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		May 15, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 16, 2017
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 23, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 23, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 7, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 11, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 8, 2018
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 15, 2018
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 23, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 23, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 13, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jul 9, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 6, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1171	Related bill	Mar 2, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2017)

ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2017

This bill amends title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (a progressive neurodegenerative disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord). Under current law, individuals must wait five months after becoming disabled before their disability insurance benefit payments can begin.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 15, 2017: Introduced in Senate
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