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ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Feb 15, 2017 |
| Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL] | D · FL | | Feb 15, 2017 |
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| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Mar 9, 2017 |
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| 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 |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 15, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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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