

## HR 4222

Ruthie and Connie LGBT Elder Americans Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Nov 2, 2017)

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Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2018
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 4, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 2, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2089	Related bill	Nov 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Ruthie and Connie LGBT Elder Americans Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include the specific needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals among the "greatest social needs" served under that Act. An LGBT individual shall be considered a "minority" for purposes of services provided under the Act.

The bill authorizes the Administration of Aging to designate within it a person with responsibility for addressing issues affecting LGBT older individuals. In addition, the administration shall conduct studies and collect data to determine the services needed by LGBT older individuals.

The administration shall establish and operate the National Resource Center on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging to provide national, state, and local organizations with the information and technical assistance needed by those organizations to effectively serve LGBT older individuals.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman of each state shall, as a condition of receiving certain federal funding under the Act, collect and analyze data related to discrimination against LGBT older individuals in long-term care settings.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 2, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8300-8301)

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