

HR 4547

Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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

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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Dec 18, 2017
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Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Dec 20, 2017
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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2018
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Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jan 8, 2018
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Jan 10, 2018
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Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jan 10, 2018

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Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jan 12, 2018
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Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jan 17, 2018
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Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Feb 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 23, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4820	Related bill	Jan 23, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 2018)

Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018

TITLE I--STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT AND BENEFICIARY PROTECTION

(Sec. 101) This bill requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to make annual grants to each state's protection and advocacy system for the purpose of conducting reviews of representative payees under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program. The SSA must also conduct periodic onsite reviews of individual and organizational payees.

(Sec. 102) The bill lessens certain monitoring requirements with respect to specified family members who are serving as representative payees.

(Sec. 103) The SSA must: (1) enter into agreements with each state for the purpose of sharing information to identify represented minor beneficiaries who are in foster care; and (2) determine the appropriate representative payee for any represented minor beneficiary who has entered foster care, exited foster care, or changed foster care placement in a given month.

The Government Accountability Office must report to specified congressional committees on certain issues related to represented minor beneficiaries in foster care.

(Sec. 104) The bill modifies provisions related to overpayment liability with respect to a represented minor beneficiary in foster care.

(Sec. 105) The SSA must report to specified congressional committees on certain issues related to representative payment with respect to SSI and OASDI benefits.

TITLE II--IMPROVING PAYEE SELECTION AND QUALITY

(Sec. 201) The bill provides for advance designation of representative payees.

(Sec. 202) In general, an individual who has been convicted of a felony, or of an attempt or a conspiracy to commit a felony, may not serve as a representative payee.

(Sec. 203) An individual who has a representative payee may not also serve as a representative payee.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 13, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 13, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-165.
- **Apr 3, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 23, 2018:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 23, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1982)
- **Mar 23, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1982)
- **Mar 23, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Mr. Brady (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H741-749)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4547.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H762-763)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 0 (Roll no. 51).(text: CR H741-746)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 0 (Roll no. 51). (text: CR H741-746)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.