

HR 2279

Safe Step Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Apr 10, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (157 total)

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Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		May 2, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 16, 2019
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Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 16, 2019
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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 16, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 16, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		May 16, 2019
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 16, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 16, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 28, 2019

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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 28, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		May 28, 2019
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Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Aug 9, 2019
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Aug 9, 2019
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Aug 16, 2019

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Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Sep 12, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 12, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 31, 2019
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jan 10, 2020

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Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Mar 13, 2020
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 1, 2020
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Dec 10, 2020
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Dec 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2546	Related bill	Sep 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

Safe Step Act

This bill requires a group health plan to establish an exception to medication step-therapy protocol in specified cases. A medication step-therapy protocol establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs are covered by a group health plan or a health insurance issuer.

A request for such an exception to the protocol must be granted if (1) the treatment is expected to be ineffective, (2) the treatment will cause or is likely to cause an adverse reaction to the individual, (3) the treatment is expected to decrease the individual's ability either to perform daily activities or occupational responsibilities or adhere to the treatment plan, (4) the individual is stable based on the prescription drugs already selected, or (5) there are other medical reasons that warrant withholding the treatment.

The bill requires a group health plan to implement and make readily available a clear process for an individual to request an exception to the protocol. Requests must be granted no later than three days after receipt of the request. In certain cases where the life, health, and ability of the individual are jeopardized by the protocol, the request shall be granted no later than 24 hours after receipt of the request.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
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