

## S 2496

### Stop the Wait Act

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**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sep 18, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 19, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 21, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 18, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4386	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

## Stop the Wait Act

This bill eliminates the 5-month waiting period that applies to the payment of certain Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for workers and surviving spouses and the 24-month waiting period that applies to Medicare coverage for workers who are eligible for SSDI benefits.

In addition, the National Academy of Medicine must study disabling conditions that can be delayed or prevented if individuals access health care services and coverage before the condition reaches disability levels.

## Actions Timeline

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