

S 2552

Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4527	Identical bill	Dec 10, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2019)

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This bill establishes a Medicare buy-in option for certain qualifying first responders.

Specifically, the bill allows first responders aged 50 to 64 to enroll in Medicare if they are retired or otherwise separated from service due to a disability. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must determine enrollment periods and set premiums for the buy-in option established under the bill, in accordance with specified requirements. The CMS must also award grants to states and nonprofit organizations for outreach and enrollment activities relating to the buy-in option.

Actions Timeline

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