

HR 53

Infant Protection and Baby Switching Prevention Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 3, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 31, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

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This bill establishes additional requirements that certain hospitals must meet in order to participate in Medicare. Specifically, as a condition of Medicare participation, hospitals and critical access hospitals that provide neonatal or infant care must have appropriate security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction and baby switching. Noncompliant hospitals are subject to specified civil penalties.

The bill also establishes criminal penalties for knowingly altering or destroying a newborn's hospital patient records for the purpose of causing the newborn to be misidentified.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.