

S 578

ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

Cosponsors (67 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 25, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		May 16, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 23, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 13, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jan 9, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 14, 2020
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 14, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 21, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 12, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 5, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 5, 2020
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 17, 2020
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 17, 2020
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 24, 2020
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 2, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1407	Related bill	Feb 27, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019

This bill eliminates the five-month waiting period for disability benefits under the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (a progressive neurodegenerative disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord). Under current law, individuals must wait five months after becoming disabled before their disability insurance benefit payments may begin.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 22, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-250.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Mr. Larson (CT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6988-6991)
- **Dec 8, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 578.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
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- **Dec 8, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7157, S7163-7164)
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- **Dec 2, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate, under the order of 12/01/20, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 1. Record Vote Number: 250.(text: CR S7164)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Passed Senate, under the order of 12/01/20, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 1. Record Vote Number: 250. (text: CR S7164)
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.