

HR 5821

HOSPICE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 17, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2477	Related bill	Dec 9, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Helping Our Senior Population in Comfort Environments Act or the HOSPICE Act

This bill establishes survey requirements for, and enforcement mechanisms against, certified hospice programs under Medicare.

Specifically, certified programs must undergo periodic surveys by a state, local, or approved accreditation agency, as specified; the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must provide appropriate training for surveyors and publish information relating to survey results on its website. The CMS must also (1) conduct more frequent surveys of programs that are found to be noncompliant with applicable standards; and (2) take specified enforcement actions against such programs, based on the severity of the deficiencies. Enforcement actions include civil penalties, suspended Medicare payments, and termination of program certification.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 116-660, Part I.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 544.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.