

HR 7117

Essential Pay for Essential Workers Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Jun 4, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. (Jun 4, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7117>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|--|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44] | D · CA | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3] | D · OH | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7] | D · IN | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16] | D · NY | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9] | D · TX | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5] | D · CT | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14] | D · NY | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2] | D · LA | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2] | D · MS | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13] | D · MI | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34] | D · TX | | Jul 1, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 4, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 6484 | Related bill | Apr 10, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. |

Summary (as of Jun 4, 2020)

Essential Pay for Essential Workers Act

This bill requires employers to pay essential health care employees a premium amount in addition to their regular rate of pay during an emergency period. It also allows employers a payroll tax credit for the payment of such enhanced wages to essential employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2020:** Introduced in House
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