

## HR 1944

Healthy Workplaces Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Mar 16, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Mar 16, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Mar 18, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Mar 18, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 29, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1807	Related bill	<b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 537	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Healthy Workplaces Act

This bill allows tax credits for employer expenses for protecting employees from COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill allows a credit against certain employment taxes equal to 50% of the sum of qualified employee protection expenses, workplace reconfiguration expenses, and education and training expenses paid by the employer during a calendar quarter.

The bill also allows a 50% income tax credit for qualified workplace reconfiguration expenses incurred by an employer in 2020. The bill defines *qualified workplace reconfiguration expenses* to include amounts paid by an employer to evaluate, design, and reconfigure retail space and employee work areas for the primary purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19. The evaluation, design, and reconfiguration must be completed before January 1, 2022.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
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