

HR 2163

Safe Step Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 23, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Mar 23, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

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

Cosponsors (197 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		May 7, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 7, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		May 7, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 7, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 7, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 7, 2021
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		May 7, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 7, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 7, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 7, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 7, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 7, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 7, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 7, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		May 7, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 11, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 16, 2021

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Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jul 29, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 10, 2021

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Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		May 6, 2022
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 6, 2022
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 6, 2022
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 6, 2022
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 6, 2022
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022

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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Sep 9, 2022

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Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Dec 15, 2022
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Dec 15, 2022
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Dec 15, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Dec 15, 2022
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Dec 15, 2022
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 464	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Safe Step Act

This bill requires a group health plan to establish an exception to medication step-therapy protocol in specified cases. A medication step-therapy protocol establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs are covered by a group health plan or a health insurance issuer.

A request for such an exception to the protocol must be granted if (1) an otherwise required treatment has been ineffective, (2) such treatment is expected to be ineffective and delaying effective treatment would lead to irreversible consequences, (3) such treatment will cause or is likely to cause an adverse reaction to the individual, (4) such treatment is expected to prevent the individual from performing daily activities or occupational responsibilities, (5) the individual is stable based on the prescription drugs already selected, or (6) there are other circumstances as determined by the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

The bill requires a group health plan to implement and make readily available a clear process for an individual to request an exception to the protocol, including required information and criteria for granting an exception. The bill further specifies timelines under which plans must respond to such requests.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.