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Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]
Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2021
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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2021
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1357	Identical bill	**Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 98	Related bill	**Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2021)

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This bill allows essential workers and their family members to file claims and receive compensation for harm or death suffered as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

A Special Master appointed by the Department of Justice must review claims submitted and determine if a claimant is eligible for compensation, the extent of the harm to the claimant, and the amount of compensation to be awarded.

Actions Timeline

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