

S 537

Healthy Workplaces Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Mar 2, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 2, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/537>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1944	Related bill	Mar 16, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 HR 1807	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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

- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.