

## 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 | <b>Mar 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |
| 117 HR 1807 | Related bill | <b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> 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**

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