

S 579

A bill to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 3, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 3, 2021

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1649	Identical bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

This bill retroactively eliminates the waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for certain individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

Under current law, most SSDI recipients must wait five months after becoming disabled before their benefit payments may begin. The ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019 eliminated the waiting period for individuals with ALS but only covers individuals who apply for benefits after the date of enactment (December 20, 2020). As a result, individuals with ALS who applied for SSDI benefits in the five months before that date are still subject to the waiting period. This bill eliminates the waiting period for those individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-3.
- **Mar 22, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Mr. Thompson (CA) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H1334)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H1334)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H1334)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1022; text: CR S1029)
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