

## HR 5950

### Improving Patient Access to Care and Treatment Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 12, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5950>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Nov 26, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 14, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7666	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 3257	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Improving Patient Access to Care and Treatment Act**

This bill increases the number of days—from 14 to 60—within which a practitioner must administer certain narcotic drugs (e.g., buprenorphine) to a patient for maintenance or detoxification treatment (i.e., substance use disorder treatment) after receiving the drugs from a pharmacy.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 12, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.