

HR 900

Essential Worker Pandemic Compensation Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 5, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 8, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 5, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 5, 2021
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Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 5, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 5, 2021)

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This bill compensates specified essential workers who die or are hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or related complications.

Specifically, the bill provides death benefits to survivors of essential workers equal to the amount available under the public safety officer benefits program. Essential workers include those identified in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency guidance or by a Special Master appointed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Such death benefits include additional payments to a surviving spouse or child enrolled in qualified postsecondary education.

Further, essential workers who are hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 receive one half of the base death benefit amount.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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