

## S 131

### Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 705.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 705. (Dec 17, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/131>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 1, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 19, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 26, 2024
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 5, 2024
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 24, 2024
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 24, 2024
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 24, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 618	Related bill	<b>Jul 5, 2024:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 472.

## **Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act of 2023**

This bill expands the role of nurse practitioners and physician assistants in providing services to injured federal workers under the federal workers' compensation program.

Specifically, under the program, nurse practitioners and physician assistants acting within the scope of their practice may (1) prescribe or recommend treatment for injured federal workers; (2) certify the nature of an injury and probable extent of disability; (3) provide prescribed treatment for injured federal workers; and (4) participate, with a physician designated by the Department of Labor, in a mandatory workers' compensation examination of an injured worker. In general, only physicians may fulfill these roles under current law.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-299.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 705.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.