

S 2459

Enabling More of the Physical and Occupational Workforce to Engage in Rehabilitation Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 25, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 25, 2023
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Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Dec 7, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 6, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4878	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2023)

Enabling More of the Physical and Occupational Workforce to Engage in Rehabilitation Act or the EMPOWER Act

This bill prohibits the supervision requirements for physical therapy assistants and occupational therapy assistants for covered outpatient services under Medicare from being different from supervision requirements under state law. The Government Accountability Office must report on the impact of Medicare payment differentials for such services in rural areas.

Actions Timeline

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