

## HR 2630

Safe Step Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 13, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Apr 13, 2023)

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**Name:** Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 5, 2023
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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2023
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Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Dec 13, 2023
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Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Dec 15, 2023
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2024
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2024
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 26, 2024
Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 26, 2024
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2024

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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 28, 2024
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 29, 2024
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Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2024
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 21, 2024
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 22, 2024
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Apr 2, 2024
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Apr 16, 2024
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Apr 18, 2024
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Apr 23, 2024
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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Apr 29, 2024
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 6, 2024
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 6, 2024
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		May 6, 2024
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 6, 2024
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 15, 2024
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 17, 2024
Rep. García, Jesús G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 17, 2024
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 17, 2024
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 17, 2024
Rep. Van Orden, Derrick [R-WI-3]	R · WI		May 17, 2024
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		May 21, 2024
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		May 23, 2024
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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 5, 2024
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2024

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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2024
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Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Jun 27, 2024
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Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jul 23, 2024
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Aug 23, 2024
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Rep. Velázquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 24, 2024
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 25, 2024
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2024
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Oct 1, 2024
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 4, 2024
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Oct 8, 2024
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 25, 2024
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Dec 9, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1339	Related bill	Jun 22, 2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 113.
118 S 652	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Safe Step Act

This bill requires a group health plan to establish an exception to medication step-therapy protocol in specified cases. A medication step-therapy protocol establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs are covered by a group health plan or a health insurance issuer.

A request for such an exception to the protocol must be granted if (1) an otherwise required treatment has been ineffective, (2) such treatment is expected to be ineffective and delaying effective treatment would lead to irreversible consequences, (3) such treatment will cause or is likely to cause an adverse reaction to the individual, (4) such treatment is expected to prevent the individual from performing daily activities or occupational responsibilities, (5) the individual is stable based on the prescription drugs already selected, or (6) there are other circumstances as determined by the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

The bill requires a group health plan to implement and make readily available a clear process for an individual to request an exception to the protocol, including required information and criteria for granting an exception. The bill further specifies timelines under which plans must respond to such requests.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.