

HR 2761

SPARC Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Apr 20, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Apr 20, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		May 11, 2023
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		May 17, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 17, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 17, 2023
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		May 18, 2023
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Aug 18, 2023
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jun 13, 2024
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Dec 19, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 705	Identical bill	Mar 8, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act or the SPARC Act

This bill establishes student loan repayment programs to support the provision of specialty medical care in rural areas.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) must carry out such a program for certain specialty medicine physicians who provide care in rural communities with shortages of such physicians. Physicians must agree to a period of obligated service and, for each year of such service, HRSA must pay one-sixth of the principal payment and interest on eligible loans up to a maximum cap of \$250,000. Additionally, HRSA may carry out a similar loan repayment program for nonphysician specialty health care providers.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
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