

HR 4878

EMPOWER Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]

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

Cosponsors (28 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Aug 4, 2023
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Aug 4, 2023
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Sep 5, 2023
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Williams, Brandon [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Oct 20, 2023
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 25, 2023
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Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 21, 2023
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Nov 30, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 12, 2024
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 29, 2024
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 6, 2024
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Feb 14, 2024
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 26, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 6, 2024
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2024
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2024
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2024
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Aug 13, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2459	Related bill	Jul 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2023:** 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.

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