

HR 6068

Clergy Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-20]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-27]	R · CA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Oct 26, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 4126	Related bill	Apr 16, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill establishes a two-year window for certain members of the clergy and Christian Science practitioners to revoke their exemption from Social Security and Medicare taxes on ministerial earnings. Under current law, such individuals who object to participation in public insurance programs on religious or conscientious grounds may apply to the Internal Revenue Service for an irrevocable exemption and will not receive Social Security or Medicare benefits in retirement unless they have qualifying credits from other employment.

The Internal Revenue Service must develop a plan to inform members of the clergy and Christian Science practitioners of their eligibility to revoke prior exemptions, pursuant to the bill's changes.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-288.
- **Dec 1, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 232.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 0.
- **Oct 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 26, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.