

HR 6640

Marriage Equality for Disabled Adults Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare. (Dec 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

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Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2024
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 13, 2024
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Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 26, 2024
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 26, 2024
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2024
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2024
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Nov 1, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 8, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 6, 2023)

Marriage Equality for Disabled Adults Act

This bill eliminates certain marriage-related criteria for individuals entitled to Social Security child's benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Specifically, the bill removes the requirement that individuals receiving Social Security child's benefits be unmarried. Those eligible for Social Security child's benefits generally include the minor children of eligible or deceased workers and disabled adult children (the disabled adult children of such workers for whom the onset of disability occurred before age 22). Under current law, child beneficiaries generally lose their benefits upon marriage to an individual who is not also eligible for Social Security benefits.

With respect to SSI, the bill removes the requirement that couples who present themselves as married in their community be considered married for purposes of SSI eligibility. The bill also exempts SSI recipients who are disabled adult children, or who marry disabled adult children, from the general requirement that the income or resources of an SSI recipient's spouse be considered in an eligibility determination.

Further, married disabled adult children and their spouses who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid in a state if they were unmarried must remain eligible for Medicaid regardless of their marriage.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
- **Dec 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.