

# HR 7055

EMPSA Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Jan 18, 2024

**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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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Eliminating the Marriage Penalty in SSI Act or the EMPSA Act**

This bill excludes a spouse's income and resources when determining eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and disregards marital status when calculating the SSI benefit amount, for an adult who has a diagnosed intellectual or developmental disability. (SSI is a federal income supplement program designed to help aged, blind, and disabled individuals with limited income and resources meet basic needs.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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