

# HR 8872

Health Care Worker and First Responder Fairness Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

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

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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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.

## Summary (as of Jun 27, 2024)

### Health Care Worker and First Responder Fairness Act

This bill exempts from the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test (RET) wages earned through work as a health care professional or first responder during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the RET, benefits are reduced for beneficiaries who are younger than full retirement age if they earn wages in excess of a specified annual limit.

Further, the Social Security Administration may issue waivers to individuals employed as health care professionals or first responders during a declared public health emergency in which there is a shortage of health care workers. Wages earned by individuals granted waivers during a public health emergency are exempt from the RET.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.