

## HR 227

### Clergy Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2025

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 28, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/227>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Fong, Vince [R-CA-20]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jun 10, 2025
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jul 21, 2025
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jul 21, 2025
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jul 22, 2025
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 23, 2025
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 25, 2025
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Sep 8, 2025
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Sep 9, 2025
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2025
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 18, 2025
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2025
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2025
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2025
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Nov 25, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Dec 9, 2025

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 28, 2026
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Markup By	Dec 10, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Jan 7, 2026

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 7, 2025)

### Clergy Act

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 (IRS) for an irrevocable exemption and will not receive Social Security or Medicare benefits in retirement unless they have qualifying credits from other employment.

The IRS 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

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- **Apr 28, 2026:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Apr 27, 2026:** Mr. Carey moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 27, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3115-3116)
- **Apr 27, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 227.
- **Apr 27, 2026:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 27, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3118-3119)
- **Apr 27, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 350 - 5 (Roll no. 139). (text: CR H3115-3116)
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**Jan 7, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.