

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1358

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to codify patients rights to hospital visitation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW introduced the following bill; which was 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

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## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to codify patients rights to hospital visitation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Patient Left Alone  
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS.**

7 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395x) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (9) as  
4 paragraph (10);

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(9) has written policies and procedures regard-  
8 ing the visitation rights of individuals receiving  
9 items and services at the institution, which shall in-  
10 clude a description of any clinically necessary or rea-  
11 sonable restriction or limitation that such institution  
12 may need to place on such rights and the reasons  
13 for the clinical restriction or limitation, and a re-  
14 quirement that such institution—

15 “(A) inform each such individual of his or  
16 her visitation rights, including any clinical re-  
17 striction or limitation on such rights;

18 “(B) inform each such individual of the  
19 right, subject to the individual’s consent, to re-  
20 ceive the visitors whom the individual des-  
21 ignates, including a spouse, another family  
22 member, or a friend, and the individual’s right  
23 to withdraw or deny such consent at any time;

24 “(C) may not restrict, limit, or otherwise  
25 deny visitation privileges on the basis of race,

1 color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability;  
2 and

3 “(D) ensure that all visitors enjoy full and  
4 equal visitation privileges consistent with this  
5 paragraph; and”; and

6 (D) in the matter following paragraph  
7 (10), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph  
8 (9)” each place it appears and inserting “para-  
9 graph (10)” in each such place; and  
10 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “(9)” and in-  
11 serting “(10)”.

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