

S 1640

Protection From Price Gouging Against Disaster Victims Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 8, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1744	Related bill	Sep 21, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10300-10301)

Protection From Price Gouging Against Disaster Victims Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to direct the Federal Trade Commission to: (1) consult with certain senior law enforcement officials following declaration of a major disaster by the President in order to determine whether unconscionably excessive prices for any consumer good or service are being charged in the affected area; (2) establish a toll-free hotline to receive consumer reports of price gouging in the affected area; and (3) establish a program to develop and distribute public informational materials in English and Spanish to assist residents of the affected area in detecting and avoiding price gouging.

Prohibits unconscionably excessive prices for any consumer good or service in an affected area during the 180-day period after the date on which a major disaster is declared by the President.

Subjects violations of this Act to specified civil and criminal penalties.

Authorizes victims and state Attorneys General to bring a civil action against violators of this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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