

## S 2342

Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Dec 2, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 2, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 2, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 2, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2675	Related bill	<b>Mar 14, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1465-1466)
114 HR 4163	Related bill	<b>Dec 4, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2015**

This bill amends titles XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to make certain subsidies available to Medicare prescription drug program beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Current law makes such beneficiaries ineligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies, but establishes a process for U.S. territories to apply for financial assistance with respect to the provision of Medicare prescription drugs. The bill eliminates this process and makes the subsidies available to beneficiaries who reside in a U.S. territory and are otherwise eligible.

## **Actions Timeline**

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