

## S 2978

### Protect Continuing Physician Education and Patient Care Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 25, 2016 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 114 HR 6   | Related bill | Jul 13, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 114 HR 293 | Related bill | Feb 27, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |

## Protecting Continuing Physical Education and Patient Care Act

This bill amends title XI (General Provisions, Peer Review, Administrative Simplification) of the Social Security Act to exempt from required manufacturer transparency reporting to the Department of Health and Human Services any transfer of value to a covered recipient of peer-reviewed journals, journal reprints, journal supplements, conference reports, and medical textbooks that directly benefit patients or are intended for patient use.

The bill also excludes from such mandatory reporting any indirect payment or transfer of value to a covered recipient who is a physician:

- for speaking at, or preparing educational materials for, an educational event for physicians or other health care professionals that does not commercially promote a covered drug, device, biological, or medical supply; or
- that serves the sole purpose of providing the physician with medical education, such as the tuition required to attend an educational event or any materials given physicians at such an event.

## Actions Timeline

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