

S 647

Health Care Choice Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 3, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY] | R · WY | | Mar 3, 2015 |
| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID] | R · ID | | Mar 3, 2015 |
| Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY] | R · WY | | Mar 3, 2015 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL] | R · FL | | Mar 3, 2015 |
| Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA] | R · LA | | Mar 3, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 3, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 114 S 2519 | Related bill | Feb 9, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S740-741) |
| 114 HR 2300 | Related bill | Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 114 HR 2653 | Related bill | Jun 15, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 114 HR 543 | Identical bill | Apr 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. |

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Repeals the health insurance and health coverage expansion requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and related requirements of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Restores provisions of law amended or repealed by those provisions.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide that the laws of the state designated by a health insurance issuer (primary state) apply to individual health insurance coverage offered by that issuer in the primary state and in any other state (secondary state), but only if the coverage and issuer comply with the conditions of this Act.

Exempts issuers from any secondary state's laws that would prohibit or regulate the operation of the issuer in that state, subject to certain restrictions imposed by that state.

Gives sole jurisdiction to the primary state to enforce the primary state's covered laws in the primary state and any secondary state.

Requires the Government Accountability Office to study the effect of this Act on specified health insurance issues.

Actions Timeline

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