

S 1688

Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (35 total)

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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 1, 2017
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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 14, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6117	Related bill	Oct 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
115 S 2708	Related bill	Apr 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2265-2266)
115 S 1511	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 1775	Related bill	Apr 5, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 1776	Related bill	Apr 5, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 771	Related bill	Mar 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 S 348	Related bill	Feb 9, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 242	Related bill	Jan 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 41	Related bill	Jan 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Aug 1, 2017)

Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act of 2017

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to: (1) negotiate drug prices under the Medicare prescription drug benefit, and (2) institute a price structure for the reimbursement of drugs covered under the benefit.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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