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### Increasing Access to Care Act

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**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Oct 17, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Oct 31, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 17, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6937	Related bill	Sep 27, 2018: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 HR 6311	Related bill	Jul 26, 2018: Received in the Senate.
115 HR 6050	Identical bill	Jun 8, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **Increasing Access to Care Act**

This bill amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to eliminate restrictions on who may purchase catastrophic health plans.

Catastrophic health plans do not cover any benefits, other than three primary care visits per year, before the deductible is met; such plans are generally characterized by lower premiums and higher deductibles. Currently, only individuals who are younger than 30 years of age or who have a hardship exemption may purchase such plans.

## **Actions Timeline**

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