

S 2553

Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 14, 2018

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 115-262.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 115-262. (Oct 10, 2018)

Law: 115-262 (Enacted Oct 10, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2553>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 19, 2018
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2018
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 26, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 26, 2018
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 25, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Sep 25, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2018
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 4, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 6, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2554	Related bill	Oct 10, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-263.
115 SCONRES 49	Related bill	Oct 2, 2018: Without objection, the Chair laid before the House S.Con.Res. 49. The concurrent resolution was agreed to and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. (consideration: CR H9412; text: CR H9412)
115 HR 6733	Related bill	Sep 13, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 6144	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Oct 10, 2018)

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(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits a prescription drug plan under Medicare or Medicare Advantage from restricting a pharmacy from informing an enrollee of any difference between the price, copayment, or coinsurance of a drug under the plan and a lower price of the drug without health-insurance coverage. (Such restrictions are commonly referred to as gag clauses.)

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 10, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 10, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-262.
- **Oct 4, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Correct Enrollment
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8799-8801)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2553.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8799)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8799)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 6, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6033)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6033)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6033)
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.