

S 2554

Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

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

Cosponsors (25 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. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 7, 2018
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 19, 2018
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 19, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 24, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 25, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 25, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2018
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Aug 1, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Aug 1, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Aug 1, 2018
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Aug 21, 2018
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Aug 27, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 6, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 31, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2553	Related bill	Oct 10, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-262.
115 HR 6733	Related bill	Sep 13, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 6143	Identical bill	Jun 19, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit a health insurance plan or pharmacy benefits manager from restricting a pharmacy from informing an enrollee of any difference between the out-of-pocket cost of a drug under the plan and the cost of the drug without health insurance coverage. (Such restrictions are commonly referred to as gag clauses.)

(Sec. 3) The bill also amends the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to apply certain antitrust filing requirements for generic drug applicants to biosimilar biological product applicants. (Biosimilar biological products, commonly referred to as biosimilars, are biological products approved by the Food and Drug Administration based on their similarity to an already-approved biological product.) Under current law, generic drug applicants that make agreements with brand name drug companies or other generic drug applicants regarding the manufacture, marketing, or sale of their drugs must file such agreements with the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice. The bill subjects biosimilar biological product applicants to the same filing requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 10, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 10, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-263.
- **Oct 1, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. Carter (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8795-8799)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2554.
- **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 H8795-8796)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8795-8796)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 20, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 20, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 18, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 17, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6179-6180)
- **Sep 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 2. Record Vote Number: 209.
- **Sep 17, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 2. Record Vote Number: 209.
- **Jul 31, 2018:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 31, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 549.
- **Jul 25, 2018:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.