

## S 1125

Protect Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 10, 2019
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Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 11, 2019
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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 7, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 7, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Dec 19, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 10, 2020
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 24, 2020
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 30, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 S 4675</a>	Related bill	<b>Oct 23, 2020:</b> Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate.
<a href="#">116 S 4796</a>	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
<a href="#">116 HR 8527</a>	Related bill	<b>Oct 2, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Rules, the Budget, and Armed Services, 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.
<a href="#">116 HR 4159</a>	Related bill	<b>Aug 5, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">116 HR 692</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

### Protect Act

This bill adds, among other provisions, requirements to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 for private health insurance plans with respect to preexisting conditions, guaranteed enrollment, and discrimination based on health-related factors.

Specifically, the bill prohibits private health insurance plans from (1) limiting or excluding benefits covering preexisting conditions; (2) denying enrollment to employers or individual applicants, subject to specified limits; (3) establishing rules for eligibility based on an individual's health status; or (4) requiring an individual to pay a higher premium than similarly situated individuals enrolled in the plan based on the individual's health status.

Additionally, the bill prohibits plans from collecting genetic information in connection with issuing health insurance and provides requirements for workplace wellness programs connected to health insurance.

## Actions Timeline

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