

## S 1290

### Fairness to Pet Owners Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 2, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 2, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1607	Related bill	Mar 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

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This bill requires veterinarians to provide pet owners with a copy of animal drug prescriptions prior to filling or dispensing such prescription. Further, veterinarians prescribing animal drugs may not require a pet owner to (1) purchase the prescription as a condition of providing such a copy, (2) pay an additional fee to receive such a copy, or (3) waive the veterinarian's liability as a condition of providing such a copy.

Veterinarians are not required to provide a copy of prescriptions administered in the context of acute care. A veterinarian also may require payment of examination fees prior to prescribing an animal drug if such fees are required regardless of whether the diagnosis reveals an animal drug prescription is necessary.

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## **Actions Timeline**

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