

S 1556

No Junk Plans Act

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 21, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 21, 2019
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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 21, 2019
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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 21, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 21, 2019
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 21, 2019
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 21, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 21, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 21, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 21, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 21, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 21, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 21, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 21, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 21, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 21, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 21, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 21, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 21, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 21, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 21, 2019

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 21, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 21, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6379	Related bill	Mar 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and 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.
116 HR 987	Related bill	May 20, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 1010	Related bill	May 10, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 29.
116 HR 1884	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary

(as of May 21, 2019)

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This bill nullifies a rule by the Department of Treasury, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans.

Short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans are plans that may only offer coverage for a limited amount of time under law and that are exempt from the market requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (e.g., coverage of individuals with preexisting conditions). The rule increases the maximum authorized duration of such plans from less than 3 months (including renewals) to an initial maximum duration of less than 12 months (with a total duration of up to 36 months, including renewals). The rule took effect October 2, 2018.

Actions Timeline

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