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Medical Debt Relief Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]
Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 21, 2019
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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 21, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 21, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5330	Related bill	**Dec 15, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 537.
116 HR 6470	Related bill	**Apr 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Summary (as of May 21, 2019)

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This bill modifies requirements related to the reporting of medical debt. Specifically, a consumer reporting agency may not add certain medical debt information to a consumer credit report. Also, a debt collector may not report certain medical debt information to a consumer reporting agency within a specified time period and must notify the consumer prior to reporting such medical debt.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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