

S 1581

Medical Debt Relief Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (May 21, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | May 21, 2019 |

Committee Activity

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| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 21, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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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