

S 2187

National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 18, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 18, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3872	Identical bill	Jul 23, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
116 S 2170	Related bill	Jul 18, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
116 S 2192	Related bill	Jul 18, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4953-4954)
116 S 2122	Related bill	Jul 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
116 HR 2318	Related bill	Apr 12, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
116 S 1144	Related bill	Apr 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
116 HR 1610	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Summary (as of Jul 18, 2019)

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This bill generally revises the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and reauthorizes the program through FY2024.

The bill addresses NFIP coverage, cost, and availability, including by

- generally prohibiting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from raising certain premiums, surcharges, and fees more than 9% a year for five years;
- revising flood insurance coverage limits;
- establishing the Affordability Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to low income households through vouchers, grants, or premium credits; and
- revising standards and certification requirements for flood insurance rate maps.

The bill also revises administrative provisions of NFIP, including by

- allowing for the continuous operation of NFIP during a lapse in appropriations, and
- prohibiting the Department of the Treasury from charging FEMA interest for NFIP debt for five years.

The bill sets forth requirements for Write Your Own companies related to reimbursements, agent commissions, and penalties for underpayment of claims. (A Write Your Own company writes and services federal standard flood insurance policies in its own name.)

The bill establishes a state revolving fund for flood mitigation activities and also provides for loans, grants, and other incentives regarding mitigation.

Actions Timeline

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