

## S 2252

### Empowering States to Address Drug Costs Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 24, 2019)

#### Empowering States to Address Drug Costs Act

This bill expands the purposes for which states may use certain drug pricing information that is disclosed to them by manufacturers through the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. Specifically, the bill allows states to use such information in furtherance of prescription drug affordability boards or state multi-payer purchasing pools.

### Actions Timeline

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