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Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2019

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Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 2, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 5, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 17, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5265	Identical bill	Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## **Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2019**

This bill allows a beneficiary (or an heir of a beneficiary) of certain insurance policies in effect during the Holocaust to sue in U.S. district court to enforce rights under such policies.

An insurance policy covered under this bill must have been (1) in effect at any time between January 31, 1933, and December 31, 1945, and (2) issued to a policyholder domiciled in Nazi-controlled territory or Switzerland.

A court shall award to a prevailing beneficiary (1) the amount due under a policy, (2) prejudgment interest of 6% a year, (3) attorney's fees and costs, and (4) treble damages if the insurer acted in bad faith.

An action under this bill or state law related to a covered insurance policy shall be considered timely if filed within 10 years of this bill's enactment.

Judgments and agreements entered before this bill's enactment shall not preclude a claim brought under the bill, with certain exceptions. Neither executive agreements between the United States and a foreign government nor U.S. executive foreign policies shall (1) affect or preclude claims brought under this bill, or (2) supersede or preempt any state laws relating to insurance policies covered by this bill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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