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Affordability is Access Act

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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2019
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Oct 23, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 14, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1847	Related bill	Jun 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill establishes several requirements relating to health-insurance coverage of, and access to, over-the-counter contraceptives.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of the Treasury to specify that private health-insurance plans must cover over-the-counter contraceptives that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), even without a prescription. Under current law, private health-insurance plans (with some exceptions) must cover FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, without cost-sharing requirements.

The bill also prohibits retailers from interfering with an individual's access to oral contraceptives that are meant for routine, daily use and are FDA-approved for use without a prescription.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.