

## S 3547

### Creating Capacity for Communities in Need Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 19, 2020
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 19, 2020
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 19, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 19, 2020
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 15, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7168	Identical bill	<b>Jun 11, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

## **Creating Capacity for Communities in Need Act**

This bill provides for an exception, during the national emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to provisions under the Stark law (i.e., the Physician Self-Referral Law) that prohibit physician-owned hospitals from expanding facility capacity.

Specifically, the bill excludes from such restrictions any increase in operating rooms, procedure rooms, or beds for which a hospital is licensed or begins construction during the period of March 13, 2020, through the last day of the national emergency.

## **Actions Timeline**

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