

HR 3948

Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

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| Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13] | D · GA | | Sep 26, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Reported By | Dec 16, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill applies certain consumer protections regarding debt collection to debt owed to a state. It also specifies that existing limits on civil damages awarded for abusive practices by a debt collector must be adjusted for inflation.

A court may award injunctive relief for certain debt collection violations.

The Department of the Treasury may not contract with any debt collector or other private party to recoup overpayments of certain disaster assistance made to an individual or household by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), except in cases of fraud or deceit.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 116-658.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 542.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 31 - 23.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.