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Andrew Kearse Accountability for Denial of Medical Care Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 6, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7268	Identical bill	**Jun 18, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 18, 2020)

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This bill establishes a new federal criminal offense for failing to obtain medical attention for an individual in federal custody who displays medical distress.

Specifically, the bill requires federal law enforcement officers and the Bureau of Prisons' personnel to provide or obtain immediate medical attention for an individual in federal custody who displays medical distress. It criminalizes the negligent failure to obtain or provide such medical attention that results in unnecessary pain, injury, or death.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Actions Timeline

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