

## S 4029

A bill to express the sense of Congress regarding the need for a nationwide moratorium on electric and natural gas utility disconnections during the nationwide emergency relating to the spread of the novel coronavirus.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2020

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 22, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 22, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 22, 2020)

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This bill calls for states and electric or natural gas utilities to place a moratorium on utility disconnections during the emergency relating to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak. In addition, the bill calls for states and utilities to ensure that

- reasonable efforts are made to safely reconnect electric and natural gas consumers that have lost service;
- fees for reconnection services, late fees, and other penalties are waived; and
- there are no increases in cost-of-service to consumers.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 22, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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