

## S 4675

### Protect Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 23, 2020

**Current Status:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate.

**Latest Action:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (Oct 23, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4675>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4796	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 8527	Related bill	<b>Oct 2, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Rules, the Budget, and Armed Services, 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.
116 HR 4159	Related bill	<b>Aug 5, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1125	Related bill	<b>Apr 10, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 692	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill adds, among other provisions, requirements to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 for private health insurance plans with respect to preexisting conditions, guaranteed enrollment, and discrimination based on health-related factors.

Specifically, the bill prohibits private health insurance plans from (1) limiting or excluding benefits covering preexisting conditions; (2) denying enrollment to employers or individual applicants, subject to specified limits; (3) establishing rules for eligibility based on an individual's health status; or (4) requiring an individual to a pay higher premium than similarly situated individuals enrolled in the plan based the individual's health status.

Additionally, the bill prohibits plans from collecting genetic information in connection with issuing health insurance and provides requirements for workplace wellness programs connected to health insurance.

This bill takes effect one day after enactment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 23, 2020:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (CR S6318)
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S6318)
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Motion to table the motion to proceed to the measure rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 45 - 52. Record Vote Number: 204.
- **Oct 19, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S6051)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S6011)
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 554.
- **Sep 23, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 23, 2020:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.