

S 657

A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to establish requirements with respect to prescription drug benefits.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 5, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 5, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/657>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN | | Mar 13, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 5, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 4796 | Related bill | Oct 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 8527 | Related bill | Oct 2, 2020: 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. |

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2019)

This bill prohibits health insurers and contracted entities that provide pharmacy benefits management services from receiving a price reduction or other remuneration from prescription drug manufacturers. The prohibition does not apply if (1) the price reduction is reflected at the point-of-sale; and (2) the other remuneration is a transparent, flat service fee that the manufacturer pays in relation to pharmacy benefits management services.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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