

HR 819

Protecting Families from Government Shutdowns Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill makes it unlawful for an entity to do any of the following with respect to a person if the person is unable to meet an obligation because government service is unavailable during a lapse in appropriations: (1) debt collection; (2) collection of interest on loans accrued during the lapse; (3) eviction; (4) foreclosure; (5) acceleration or downgrading of credit; or (6) enforcement of any other obligation required by law or contract that relies on a government service that is unavailable during a lapse in appropriations.

Penalty provisions in a contract for services that is violated because of a lapse in appropriations and services shall be unenforceable.

The Federal Trade Commission and the states are given authority to enforce this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Jan 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.