

HR 856

Physician Pro Bono Care Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 11, 2019
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 17, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 29, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1332	Related bill	Feb 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Physician Pro Bono Care Act of 2019

This bill allows a tax deduction for direct primary care physicians who provide charity care. The care must be provided without expectation of reimbursement and to an individual enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

A "direct primary care physician" is a physician who provides primary care (1) to individuals who have paid a periodic subscription fee, and (2) in exchange for a fee that is published on a publicly available website of the physician.

The bill also specifies that a physician is not liable under federal or state law for harm caused by an act or omission of the physician, or attending medical personnel supporting the physician, if the act or omission (1) occurs in the course of furnishing charity care, and (2) was not grossly negligent. The bill preempts laws of a state or a political subdivision of the state that are inconsistent with this provision, unless the laws provide greater protection from liability for a defendant.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.