

S 146

Medical Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 2, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 2, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 2, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill allows medically distressed debtors to exempt certain property from their estates in bankruptcy, which allows them to retain ownership of such property. Specifically, a medically distressed debtor may exempt up to \$250,000 of the debtor's interest in (1) specified real or personal property that the debtor or debtor's dependent uses as a residence, or (2) a burial plot for the debtor or debtor's dependent.

The bill also waives certain administrative and procedural requirements for a medically distressed debtor.

Additionally, the bill allows a medically distressed debtor to discharge in bankruptcy debts for certain education loans.

A debtor who seeks relief as a medically distressed debtor must attest in writing that the debtor's medical expenses are genuine and were not incurred to bring the debtor within the meaning of a medically distressed debtor under this bill.

Actions Timeline

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