

## S 1573

Andrew Kearse Accountability for Denial of Medical Care Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** May 11, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 11, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 11, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 11, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 11, 2021
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 3117	Identical bill	<b>Nov 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## **Andrew Kearsse Accountability for Denial of Medical Care Act of 2021**

This bill establishes a new federal criminal offense for failing to obtain medical attention for an individual in federal custody who displays medical distress.

Specifically, the bill requires federal law enforcement officers and the Bureau of Prisons' personnel to provide or obtain immediate medical attention for an individual in federal custody who displays medical distress. It criminalizes the negligent failure to obtain or provide such medical attention that results in unnecessary pain, injury, or death.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

### **Actions Timeline**

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