

## S 214

Medical Debt Relief Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Finance and Financial Sector

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Feb 3, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 773	Related bill	<b>Feb 3, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

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This bill modifies requirements related to the reporting of medical debt. Specifically, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from adding medical debt information to a consumer credit report if the debt

- was fully paid or settled, or
- is less than a year old.

Additionally, a debt collector must notify the consumer prior to reporting medical debt to a consumer reporting agency.

## **Actions Timeline**

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