

HR 3117

Andrew Kears Accountability for Denial of Medical Care Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 11, 2021
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 11, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 11, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 1573	Identical bill	May 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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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

- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.