

HR 4979

Maintaining Access to Essential Services Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Aug 6, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means,

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. (Aug 6, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16] | D · NY | | Aug 6, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4] | D · IL | | Aug 6, 2021 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3] | D · AZ | | Aug 6, 2021 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Aug 6, 2021 |
| Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7] | D · WA | | Aug 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17] | D · NY | | Aug 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5] | D · CT | | Sep 3, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Sep 27, 2021 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7] | D · IN | | Sep 27, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Referred To | Aug 6, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Aug 6, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Maintaining Access to Essential Services Act of 2021

This bill establishes several loan programs to assist households with paying utility bills for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater management, energy (e.g., electricity, natural gas, or propane), and internet services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Under the programs, the utilities may apply for loans that are equal to the amount of the payment shortfall from their customers during the emergency.

Actions Timeline

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