

S 5212

I CAN Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Dec 8, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 8, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8812	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 6308	Related bill	Dec 17, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 4870	Related bill	Aug 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 1986	Related bill	Jun 9, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 1956	Related bill	Mar 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 800	Related bill	Mar 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Improving Care and Access to Nurses Act or the I CAN Act

This bill allows other health care providers besides physicians (e.g., nurses) to provide certain services under Medicare and Medicaid.

Among other changes, the bill (1) allows a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to fulfill documentation requirements for Medicare coverage of special shoes for diabetic individuals; (2) expedites the ability of physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise Medicare cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; and (3) allows nurse practitioners to certify the need for inpatient hospital services under Medicare and Medicaid.

Actions Timeline

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