
HR 689

Premium Relief Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 3, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 2, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes and provides funding through FY2024 for the Patient and State Stability Fund, which shall be used to support specified state efforts to increase access to health-insurance coverage and help stabilize the individual market. Specifically, states may use the funds to (1) lower the cost for individuals to purchase coverage, (2) lower out-of-pocket costs for individuals with insurance, (3) pay health care providers, (4) cover or provide additional specified services, and (5) otherwise increase coverage options and stabilize premiums in the state's insurance market.

If a state does not apply for funds under the program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in consultation with the state, must use the funds to stabilize premiums by partially reimbursing insurers for claims in a specified cost range.

The bill also revises the grace period that health insurers must provide to recipients of premium subsidies before discontinuing health coverage for nonpayment of premiums. The grace period is shortened from 3 months to 30 days unless state law includes an applicable grace period.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.