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Association Health Plans Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 21, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8588	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 HR 4547	Related bill	Jul 20, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 742	Related bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill provides statutory authority for certain short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans and association health plans.

The bill permits short-term, limited-duration plans to provide coverage for a period of less than 12 months, not including extensions. Under current law, such plans are exempt from certain market requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as coverage of individuals with preexisting conditions.

The bill further permits groups or associations of employers to sponsor fully insured group health plans as if they were employers. Such plans may not discriminate based on the health factors of any prospective plan participant for the purpose of granting an employer's membership in the association or determining a participant's eligibility for benefits or premium amounts.

Actions Timeline

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