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SPARC Act

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Policy Area: Health
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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]
Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2761	Identical bill	**Apr 20, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2023)

Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act or the SPARC Act

This bill establishes student loan repayment programs to support the provision of specialty medical care in rural areas.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) must carry out such a program for certain specialty medicine physicians who provide care in rural communities with shortages of such physicians. Physicians must agree to a period of obligated service and, for each year of such service, HRSA must pay one-sixth of the principal payment and interest on eligible loans up to a maximum cap of $250,000. Additionally, HRSA may carry out a similar loan repayment program for nonphysician specialty health care providers.

Actions Timeline

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