

HR 1708

Affordable Prescription Drugs and Medical Inventions Act

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Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 3, 2001
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 3, 2001
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 3, 2001
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 3, 2001
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 3, 2001
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 3, 2001)

Affordable Prescription Drugs and Medical Inventions Act - Amends Federal patent law to grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Federal Trade Commission the right to establish compulsory licensing (without authorization of the right holder) for use of patented inventions relating to health care upon a determination that: (1) the patent holder, contractor, licensee, or assignee has not taken, or is not expected to take within a reasonable time, effective steps to achieve practical application of the subject invention in a field of use; (2) establishing other use of the subject matter of the patent is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs which are not adequately satisfied by the patent holder, contractor, licensee, or assignee; (3) the patent holder has engaged in specified anticompetitive behavior, including excessive pricing; (4) an invention covered by a patent cannot be exploited without infringing upon the first patent, insofar as the invention claimed in the second patent involves an important technical advance; or (5) the invention claimed in the patent is needed for research purposes that would benefit the public health, and is not licensed on reasonable terms and conditions.

Requires any person engaged in the manufacture and sale of any new drug or new animal drug approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and for which a patent is still in effect, to report annually to the Secretary of Health and Human Services an audit of all financial information relevant to that drug's pricing nationally and internationally, including research and development costs. Establishes civil penalties for noncompliance.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 9, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **May 3, 2001:** Introduced in House
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