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S 2609

Contact Lens Prescription Release Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
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Policy Area: Commerce **Introduced:** Jun 11, 2002

Current Status: Star Print ordered on the bill.

Latest Action: Star Print ordered on the bill. (Jun 26, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Jun 11, 2002
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$		Jun 18, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2002)

Contact Lens Prescription Release Act of 2002 - Instructs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate a rule on ophthalmic practice that requires a contact lens prescriber to provide the patient (or, upon request, the patient's agent) a copy of the contact lens prescription. Sets forth guidelines for the rule pertaining to expiration dates for contact lenses. Directs the FTC to promulgate a rule to make it an unfair trade practice for a contact lenses industry member to: (1) publish any advertisement or sales presentation relating to contact lenses that represents that they may be obtained without a valid prescription; or (2) sell contact lenses to a consumer or agent of a consumer unless the seller obtains a copy of an unexpired prescription or verifies the prescription by notifying the prescriber of the intended sale.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 26, 2002: Star Print ordered on the bill.
- Jun 11, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 11, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5370-5371)
- Jun 11, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.