

## S 2641

Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Jun 18, 2002

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introd

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 18, 2002
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 18, 2002
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 18, 2002
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 18, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Summary** (as of Jun 18, 2002)

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Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2002 - Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to continue the panel to study asbestos and other durable fibers, require the participation of the Secretaries of Labor and of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and require the study of specified asbestos standards and regulatory matters.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) study the status of the manufacture, processing, distribution, ownership, importation, and disposal of asbestos-containing products and contaminant-asbestos products (those that contain asbestos as a contaminant of any substance); and (2) promulgate regulations prohibiting the manufacture, processing, or distribution in commerce of asbestos-containing products. Requires inventories and disposal of products subject to this prohibition.

Requires establishment of: (1) an asbestos public education program, unless the Administrator determines on the basis of the study conducted under this Act that asbestos-containing products used by consumers and workers do not pose an unreasonable human health risk; and (2) a consumer education campaign concerning the dangers of vermiculite insulation that may be contaminated with asbestos.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of HHS to expand, intensify, and coordinate programs of research on asbestos exposure-caused diseases, particularly mesothelioma, asbestosis, and pleural injuries. Requires establishment of a National Mesothelioma Registry. Provides funds to certain institutions for purposes of strengthening their mesothelioma treatment programs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 18, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5708-5710)
- **Jun 18, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5710-5712)