

S 1527

A bill to establish a Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 1, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4334	Identical bill	May 21, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Establishes the Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). Directs the Committee to advise the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of HHS regarding how to: (1) assure interagency coordination and communication in efforts to address tick-borne disorders; (2) identify opportunities to coordinate efforts with other Federal agencies and private organizations; and (3) develop informed responses to constituency groups regarding HHS' efforts and progress.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 and 2005 to fund the Committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2008 for: (1) research and educational activities concerning Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders; and (2) efforts to prevent such illnesses.

Expresses the sense of the Senate that the Secretary should consider carrying out a five-year plan to: (1) develop a diagnostic test for Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders for use in clinical testing; (2) determine the prevalence of such illnesses in the United States; and (3) develop the capabilities at HHS to design and implement improved strategies for the prevention and control of such illnesses.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10649)
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR 8/1/2003 S10649-10650)