

HR 2277

Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. (Jun 11, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 11, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1115	Related bill	May 22, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6997-6999)

Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2003 - Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to: (1) study and describe the current state of science concerning the human health effects of exposure to asbestos and other durable fibers; and (2) make recommendations for uniform systems for asbestos exposure standards and protocols for detecting and measuring asbestos.

Directs the Administrator to establish an Asbestos Policies Panel to study asbestos and other durable fibers.

Directs the Administrator to study the status of the manufacture, processing, distribution, ownership, importation, and disposal of asbestos-containing products and contaminant-asbestos products.

Requires the Administrator to promulgate regulations within one year which prohibit the manufacturing, processing, or distributing of asbestos-containing products, subject to limited exemption upon petition.

Requires the disposal of asbestos-containing products within three years, except as specified.

Requires the Administrator to establish a public awareness program concerning the dangers posed by these products and vermiculite insulation.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand research programs on diseases caused by asbestos exposure, particularly mesothelioma, asbestosis, and pleural injuries.

Establishes and funds mesothelioma disease research and treatment centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 22, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1050-1051)
- **May 22, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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