

## HR 2491

Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1225	Identical bill	<b>Jun 11, 2003:</b> Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Summary (as of Jun 17, 2003)

Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to: (1) limit a brand name drug manufacturer to one Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 30-month stay of competition in a patent infringement suit against a generic drug applicant; (2) permit a generic applicant being sued to file a counterclaim to correct or delete patent information; (3) limit damages that a brand name manufacturer may recover in an instance where such manufacturer failed to file certain patent information; (4) permit a generic drug applicant to seek declaratory judgment regarding patent infringement prior to marketing a drug; (5) forfeit the 180-day market exclusivity period for a first generic drug applicant to a subsequent generic applicant if the first applicant engages in certain activities which impede such drug's timely marketing; and (6) permit alternative means to determine bioequivalence for drugs that are not absorbed into the bloodstream.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Introduced in House
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