

## S 2558

HeLP America Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention America Act or the HeLP America Act - Sets forth provisions for the establishment of, and incentives for, preventive health programs.

Provides for: (1) a program to make free fresh fruits and vegetables available in schools; (2) establishment of a local school wellness policy; (3) healthy school nutrition environment incentive grants; and (4) school mental health program grants.

Healthy Workforce Act of 2004 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for: (1) a wellness program credit; and (2) an income exclusion for employer-provided off-premises health club services.

Provides for grants to promote individual and community health, to prevent the incidence of chronic disease, and to implement Living Well With a Disability Programs.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) develop enhanced standards for the design of roads and intersection controls to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety; and (2) implement public health surveillance measures to address mental and behavioral health needs.

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Secretary to: (1) regulate tobacco products (through the Food and Drug Administration); and (2) establish the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee. Sets forth tobacco product standards and registration, recordkeeping, reporting, manufacturer and importer user fee, labeling, advertising, and marketing requirements.

Requires vending machines and certain restaurants to provide nutritional information on each food offered, including the number of calories.

Amends the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to allow the Secretary to prohibit the advertising of certain foods in participating schools.

Disallows deductions for certain tobacco-related advertising and marketing expenses.

Provides for national and local campaigns to reduce the use of tobacco products. Allows the Secretary to impose penalties on the tobacco industry for failure to achieve specified goals to reduce youth smoking.

Amends the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of certain counseling and screening services, including for substance use, diet, exercise, clinical depression, anxiety, and cessation of tobacco use.

Establishes the Help (Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention) America Trust Fund to fund smoking cessation efforts and other efforts required by this Act.

Directs the Secretary to conduct research on obesity prevention, treatment, and control with regard to the effectiveness of physical activity and dietary counseling.

Revises provisions concerning tax shelters, including defining economic substance and adding or increasing the penalty for certain types of tax shelter activity.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 22, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Jun 18, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7047-7050)