

HR 2877

Act for Lyme Education and Research and Tick-Borne Diseases

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jun 14, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 1, 2005)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/2877>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 14, 2005
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2005
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 21, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2005
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jun 22, 2005
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Jun 22, 2005
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jun 23, 2005
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jun 27, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 27, 2005
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jun 28, 2005
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jun 28, 2005
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 19, 2005
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Sep 19, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 14, 2005)

Act for Lyme Education and Research and Tick-Borne Diseases or the ALERT Act - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a five-year plan that provides for activities to be carried out to meet goals related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including to: (1) develop a sensitive and definitive test for the diagnosis of Lyme disease capable of distinguishing active infection from past infection; (2) accurately determine the prevalence of Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders in the United States; (3) provide and promote access to a comprehensive, up-to-date clearinghouse of peer-reviewed information on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); and (4) establish epidemiological research goals to determine the long term course of illnesses for Lyme disease.

Directs the Secretary to request that the Institute of Medicine study chronic Lyme disease.

Authorizes additional appropriations for research and educational activities and prevention efforts for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Requires the Secretary to establish the Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.