

HR 1259

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bono Mack, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 3, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 4, 2009
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem to be adulterated any unfinished dextromethorphan that is possessed, received, or distributed in violation of this Act.

Prohibits a person from: (1) possessing or receiving unfinished dextromethorphan unless the person is registered with the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a producer of a drug or device or otherwise registered, licensed, or approved pursuant to federal or state law to engage in the practice of pharmacy, pharmaceutical production, or manufacture or distribution of drug ingredients; or (2) distributing unfinished dextromethorphan to any person other than a registered or otherwise authorized person. Excludes from such prohibitions common carriers that possess, receive, or distribute unfinished dextromethorphan for purposes of distributing it between registered, licensed, or approved persons.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 1, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4144)
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 8 (Roll no. 167).(text: CR 3/30/2009 H4086)
- **Mar 31, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 8 (Roll no. 167). (text: CR 3/30/2009 H4086)
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4086-4087)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1259.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 111-49.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 19.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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