

## HRES 1311

Expressing support for the charitable collection and good samaritan distribution to uninsured, low-income Americans of Food and Drug Administration-approved, medically-appropriate, non-expired, non-narcotic prescription medications by non-profit organizations licensed to dispense such medications.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2010
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 30, 2010
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Rep. Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]	D · TN		Sep 16, 2010
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Encourages pharmaceutical manufacturers, health care professionals, and institutions providing health care to make charitable donations of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved, medically appropriate, non-expired, non-narcotic prescription medications to nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to fill prescriptions for low-income Americans.

Expresses support for exempting pharmaceutical companies from liability arising from the donation of medications in good faith to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals, assuming there is no gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Encourages the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convene a working group to develop plans to facilitate the creation and operation of such nonprofit organizations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 29, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Referred to House Judiciary