

## HR 4132

### FAST Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 5, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 9, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/4132>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2012
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Mar 22, 2012
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Apr 17, 2012
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Apr 19, 2012
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Apr 26, 2012
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Apr 26, 2012
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 26, 2012
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Apr 26, 2012
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 26, 2012
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 8, 2012
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 8, 2012
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 8, 2012
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 9, 2012
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		May 29, 2012
Rep. Hochul, Kathleen C. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

---

### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

---

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 5651	Related bill	<b>Jun 4, 2012:</b> Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 420.

---

### Summary (as of Mar 5, 2012)

---

Faster Access to Specialized Treatments Act or FAST Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) should apply specified accelerated approval and the fast track provisions to expedite the development and availability of treatments for serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions while maintaining appropriate safety and effectiveness standards.

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), at the request of the sponsor of a new drug, to include as a fast track product a new drug, either alone or in combination with one or more other drugs, that is intended for the treatment of a serious or life-threatening disease or condition.

Permits the Secretary to approve an application for approval of a product for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including a fast track product, upon a determination that the product has an effect on: (1) a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit; or (2) on a clinical endpoint, including an endpoint that can be measured earlier than irreversible morbidity or mortality, that is reasonably likely to predict an effect on irreversible morbidity or mortality or other clinical benefit.

Directs the Secretary, in conjunction with other planned reviews of the new drug review process, to contract with an independent entity with expertise in assessing biopharmaceutical development and regulatory review programs to evaluate the FDA's application of the fast track processes on the development and availability of innovative treatments for patients suffering from serious or life-threatening conditions.

### Actions Timeline

---

- **Mar 9, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 5, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.