

## HR 6118

### Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 12, 2012

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**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 112-202. (Dec 4, 2012)

**Law:** 112-202 (Enacted Dec 4, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/6118>

### Sponsor

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Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Austria, Steve [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 18, 2012
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jul 19, 2012
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jul 19, 2012
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Sep 13, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 11, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3391	Related bill	Sep 19, 2012: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 520.

## Summary (as of Dec 4, 2012)

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

Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise sanctions for laboratories that intentionally refer proficiency testing samples required for certification to another laboratory for analysis by: (1) giving the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) discretion to substitute intermediate sanctions for such violations instead of the two-year prohibition against ownership or operation which would otherwise apply, and (2) making the one-year certificate revocation for such a laboratory optional rather than mandatory.

## Actions Timeline

- Dec 4, 2012: Signed by President.
- Dec 4, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-202.
- Nov 28, 2012: Presented to President.
- Nov 15, 2012: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 14, 2012: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6827)
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- Sep 20, 2012: Received in the Senate, read twice.
- Sep 19, 2012: Mr. Pitts moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Sep 19, 2012: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6140-6142)
- Sep 19, 2012: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6118.
- Sep 19, 2012: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6140)
- Sep 19, 2012: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6140)
- Sep 19, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Sep 11, 2012: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Sep 11, 2012: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee .
- Jul 13, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Jul 12, 2012: Introduced in House
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