

## HR 611

Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 15, 2013)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 719	Related bill	<b>Apr 11, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 610	Related bill	<b>Feb 15, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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### Summary (as of Feb 12, 2013)

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Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2013 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish the Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee. Requires the Committee to advise the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health regarding how officials can: (1) ensure interagency coordination and communication and minimize overlap regarding efforts to address tick-borne diseases, (2) identify opportunities to coordinate efforts with other federal agencies and private organizations addressing such diseases, (3) ensure interagency coordination and communication with constituency groups, (4) ensure that a broad spectrum of scientific viewpoints is represented in public health policy decisions and that information disseminated to the public and physicians is balanced, and (5) advise relevant federal agencies on priorities related to Lyme and tick-borne diseases.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the appropriate federal officials, to provide for the coordination of all federal programs and activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and the conduct or support of specified activities, including: (1) developing sensitive and accurate diagnostic tools and tests, (2) improving the efficient utilization of diagnostic testing currently available, (3) accurately determining the prevalence of such diseases, (4) evaluating the feasibility of creating a national uniform reporting system, (5) providing and promoting access to a clearinghouse of information on such diseases, (6) increasing public education related to such diseases, (7) creating a physician education program, (8) establishing epidemiological research objectives to determine the long term course of illness for Lyme disease, and (9) determining the effectiveness of different treatment modalities by establishing treatment outcome objectives.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 12, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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