

## S 1915

### First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 3, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Aug 3, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 30, 2015
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 7, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 28, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Oct 29, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 4, 2015
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 4, 2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 1, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 7, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 10, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Dec 15, 2015
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 18, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Feb 23, 2016
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 1, 2016
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 25, 2016
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 11, 2016
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Nov 30, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 9, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6381	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
114 HR 3583	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
114 HR 1300	Related bill	<b>Jul 30, 2015:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on November 16, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to carry out a pilot program to provide eligible anthrax vaccines nearing the end of their labeled dates of use from the strategic national stockpile to emergency response providers who would be at high risk of exposure to anthrax if an attack should occur and who voluntarily consent.

HHS shall determine whether an anthrax vaccine is eligible to be provided to DHS for the program based on determinations that: (1) the vaccine is not otherwise allotted for other purposes; and (2) the provision of the vaccine will not reduce or otherwise adversely affect the capability to meet projected requirements for such product during a public health emergency.

DHS shall establish a communication platform, develop and deliver education and training, conduct an economic analysis, create a logistical platform, establish goals and desired outcomes for the program, and establish a mechanism to reimburse HHS for the costs of shipment and transportation of such vaccines provided to DHS under such program and the amount by which the warehousing costs of the stockpile are increased in order to operate such program.

DHS must: (1) select between two and five states for voluntary participation in the program; (2) provide guidance to participating states and local governments on identifying providers who are at high risk of exposure; and (3) require each participating state to submit a written certification that each participating emergency response provider is provided with disclosures and educational materials regarding the associated benefits and risks of any vaccine provided and of exposure to anthrax, additional material consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's clinical guidance, and notice that the federal government is not obligated to continue providing anthrax vaccine after the program ends.

Each state that participates in the program shall ensure that such participation is consistent with the state's All-Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.

DHS shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with HHS to: (1) define each department's roles and responsibilities, and (2) establish appropriate performance metrics and policies for the program.

DHS must submit annual reports on program progress and results, which shall include the costs to administer the program, the number and percentage of eligible providers that volunteer to participate, the degree to which participants complete the vaccine regimen, the total number of doses of vaccine administered, and recommendations to improve participation.

The final report shall consider whether the program should continue beyond five years after enactment of this bill and shall include: (1) an analysis of the costs and benefits of continuing the program; (2) an explanation of the economic, health, and other risks and benefits of administering vaccines through the program rather than post-event treatment; and (3) a plan under which the program could be continued.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-268.
- **Dec 2, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Mr. King (NY) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text of measure as passed: CR H6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** On passage Passed without objection. (text of measure as passed: CR H6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6419-6421; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6419)
- **Nov 16, 2016:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6419)
- **Nov 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6420-6421)
- **Nov 16, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6420-6421)
- **May 9, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 114-251.
- **May 9, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 458.
- **Dec 9, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 3, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 3, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.