

## HR 4525

### Public Health Emergency Preparedness Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 10, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. (Feb 10, 2016)

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. (Feb 10, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4525>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 7, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Act**

This bill provides \$5 billion in supplemental appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Public Health Emergency Fund.

The bill designates the funds as an emergency requirement, and provides that the funds are only available if the President subsequently designates the funds. (Emergency spending is exempt from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.)

HHS may use the funds provided by this bill to acquire products such as drugs, vaccines and other biological products, and medical devices for deposit into the Strategic National Stockpile.

The bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt the Public Health Emergency Fund from sequestration, which is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

## **Actions Timeline**

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