

HR 4771

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 17, 2016

Current Status: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

Latest Action: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. (Mar 22, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Mar 22, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 18, 2016 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Markup By | Mar 22, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 3291 | Related bill | Sep 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 114 HR 4589 | Related bill | Feb 26, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2016)

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This bill sets conditions for lawsuits arising from health care liability claims regarding health care goods or services or any medical product affecting interstate commerce. Additionally, the bill sets a statute of limitations of three years after the date of manifestation of injury or one-year after the claimant discovers the injury, with certain exceptions.

The bill revises other provisions related to health care lawsuits including: (1) limiting noneconomic damages, (2) mandating joint and several liability, (3) limiting attorney contingency fees, (4) limiting punitive damages, and (5) denying punitive damages in the case of products approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 18, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.