

## HR 4959

### Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 22, 2016)

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Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Dec 8, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3166	Identical bill	Jul 12, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act of 2016**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to study access by underserved populations to general surgeons, including whether the health professional shortage area designation under the National Health Service Corps program accurately assesses adequacy of access or whether another measure or designation would be more appropriate.

HHS must consider potential methodologies for designating surgical health professional shortage areas.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 22, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 15, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.