

## HR 789

Tick-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6	Related bill	<b>Jul 13, 2015:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Feb 5, 2015)

### Tick-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct or support epidemiological, basic, translational, and clinical research regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

Directs HHS to establish the Interagency Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Working Group to review all HHS efforts concerning tick-borne diseases to ensure interagency coordination and examine research priorities. Requires the Working Group to: (1) provide a summary of tick-borne disease research, advances, and scientific viewpoints every two years; (2) make recommendations to HHS regarding tick-borne disease activities; and (3) hold annual public meetings. Requires HHS to submit a strategic plan for tick-borne disease research within three years of enactment and every five years thereafter that includes: (1) budgetary requirements; (2) benchmarks for improving tick-borne disease diagnosis, treatment, outcomes, and prevention; and (3) a plan to disseminate Working Group summaries and other relevant information on tick-borne disease to health professionals and the public.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.