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Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2016

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Dec 1, 2016)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2016)

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This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to categorize certain hearing aids as over-the-counter hearing aids and issue regulations regarding those hearing aids. The regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids must provide reasonable assurances of safety and efficacy and describe requirements for the sale of hearing aids in-person, by mail, or online, without a prescription.

State and local governments may not establish or continue in effect requirements for over-the-counter hearing aids that are not identical to FDA requirements.

Until the FDA updates its draft guidance regarding hearing aids, previous draft guidance is in effect.

Actions Timeline

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