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### Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 1, 2016

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/9>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 1, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Dec 1, 2016)

#### Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2016

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Until the FDA updates its draft guidance regarding hearing aids, previous draft guidance is in effect.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