

HR 1652

Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 20, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2430	Related bill	Aug 18, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-52.
115 S 934	Related bill	May 11, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 76.
115 S 670	Identical bill	Mar 21, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 21, 2017)

Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017

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: (1) provide reasonable assurances of safety and efficacy; (2) establish output limits and labeling requirements; and (3) 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 specifically applicable to hearing products that are not identical to FDA requirements and that restrict or interfere with the servicing or sale of over-the-counter hearing aids.

The FDA must update and finalize its draft guidance on hearing products. The guidance must clarify which products are medical devices.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.