

HR 5878

National Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Control and Accountability Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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This bill establishes the Office of Oversight and Coordination for Tick-Borne Diseases within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The office must oversee the creation of a national strategy to address Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases and disorders. The national strategy must include program assessments, benchmarks for progress, and recommendations from the previously established Tick-Borne Disease Working Group.

The bill also requires HHS to undertake specific actions that promote research, prevention, and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases and disorders. Among other things, HHS must:

- support expansive research into the pathology, diagnosis, and treatment of such diseases and disorders;
- establish a surveillance system to track the prevalence of such diseases and disorders in humans;
- establish a surveillance system to track the prevalence of disease-carrying ticks;
- conduct educational campaigns; and
- hold a series of research symposiums.

Actions Timeline

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