

HR 5900

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

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Sponsor

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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 24, 2018
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Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jun 7, 2018
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jul 10, 2018
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5878	Identical bill	May 18, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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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

- **May 21, 2018:** Introduced in House
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