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Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017

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Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 21, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 10, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 8, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 HR 1652	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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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: (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The FDA must update and finalize its draft guidance on hearing products.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

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