

## S 1140

### Protecting Access to Biosimilars Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 11, 2019

**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. (Apr 11, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1140>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 7, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 11, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1895	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2019:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 133.
116 HR 2011	Related bill	<b>Apr 2, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Apr 11, 2019)

#### Protecting Access to Biosimilars Act of 2019

This bill excludes biological products that were initially licensed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (e.g., insulin) from the exclusivity protections that delay the licensure of biosimilar products under the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act). (The Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 generally requires that biological products approved under the FD&C Act are treated as though they were approved under the PHS Act through March 23, 2020.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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