

## S 3630

Facilitating Innovation to Fight Coronavirus Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Facilitating Innovation to Fight Coronavirus Act**

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to health care providers for certain actions taken during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency and lengthens the terms of certain medical patents related to the treatment of COVID-19.

Specifically, when testing for or treating COVID-19 during the public health emergency, a health care provider may not be held liable in any federal, state, or local civil proceeding for (1) using or modifying a medical device for an unapproved use or indication; (2) practicing without a license or outside of an area of specialty, if instructed to do so by an individual with such a license or within such an area of speciality; or (3) conducting the testing of, or providing treatment to, a patient outside of the premises of standard health care facilities.

Additionally, certain medical patents that are issued with respect to the treatment of COVID-19 are deemed not to begin until the termination of the presidential emergency declaration relating to COVID-19 and are extended for an additional 10 years.

## **Actions Timeline**

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