

S 3827

Medical Supplies for Pandemics Act of 2020

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 21, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 HR 7574	Related bill	Sep 22, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 HR 6531	Identical bill	Apr 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to take specified actions, as part of its management of the Strategic National Stockpile, to establish and maintain domestic reserves of critical medical supplies. Specifically, HHS must (1) create incentives for manufacturers of medical supplies to increase emergency stocks and diversify geographic production; (2) purchase, lease, or enter into joint ventures with respect to facilities and equipment to produce medical supplies; and (3) work with distributors to refresh and replenish medical supplies. HHS must also submit a report to Congress concerning the details of any purchase, lease, or joint venture.

The department's authority under the bill to make purchases, leases, or joint ventures for medical supplies terminates on September 30, 2023.

Actions Timeline

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