

## S 3827

### Medical Supplies for Pandemics Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 21, 2020

**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. (May 21, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3827>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

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

### 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         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 21, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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