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Stopping COVID Scams Act of 2020

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7750	Identical bill	Jul 23, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill provides the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) authority to prohibit unfair or deceptive commercial practices associated with the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. In prohibiting such practices, the FTC must consider whether the practice (1) involves goods or services explicitly advertised as related to the COVID-19 emergency, (2) involves goods or services for which consumer demand significantly increased shortly before or during the emergency, or (3) relates to the federal or state response to the emergency.

The bill further specifies procedures for the FTC and the states to enforce such prohibitions.

Actions Timeline

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