

HR 4538

Closing Loopholes for Orphan Drugs Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 27, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 27, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2019)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to revise the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which currently requires drug manufacturers to discount orphan drugs (i.e., drugs for rare conditions) for certain entities covered by the program. The bill discounts orphan drugs that are not being used to treat rare conditions for all entities covered by the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.