

HR 5723

Public Health Emergency Fund Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 4, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides \$5 billion in supplemental appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Public Health Emergency Fund.

The bill designates the funds as an emergency requirement and provides that the funds are only available if the President subsequently designates the funds. (Emergency spending is exempt from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.)

HHS may use the funds provided by this bill to acquire products such as drugs, vaccines and other biological products, and medical devices for deposit into the Strategic National Stockpile.

The bill also exempts the Public Health Emergency Fund from sequestration, which is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

Actions Timeline

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