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Reciprocity Ensures Streamlined Use of Lifesaving Treatments for Coronavirus Patients Act of 2020

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2020
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4537	Related bill	**Sep 8, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 3545	Identical bill	**Mar 19, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6258	Related bill	**Mar 12, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 2161	Related bill	**Jul 18, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2020)

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This bill establishes a reciprocal marketing approval process that allows for the sale of a drug, biological product, or medical device that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if the product is approved for sale in another country for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and there is an unmet need relative to certain diseases.

Specifically, the bill requires the product's sponsor to demonstrate, among other things, that

- the product has been approved for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 or another disease of epidemic potential,
- the approval is in one of the specified countries,
- the FDA and listed countries have not withdrawn approval because of safety or effectiveness concerns, and
- there is a public health or unmet medical need for the product.

The FDA may only decline approval if the FDA determines that the product is not safe or effective. The FDA must make such a determination not later than 30 days after receiving a request.

Congress may pass a joint resolution to grant reciprocal marketing approval of a product that the FDA declines to approve through the reciprocal process.

Actions Timeline

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