

## HR 6264

### Preventing Pandemic Profiting Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 12, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Mar 12, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 12, 2020)

#### Preventing Pandemic Profiting Act

This bill creates a new criminal offense for price gouging during a state of emergency.

Specifically, in a location that has received a state of emergency declaration, the bill prohibits the sale of certain goods or services—those vital and necessary for consumer health, safety, and welfare—at an unconscionably excessive price (e.g., a price higher than the average price during the 30-day period before the emergency declaration was made).

A violator is subject to fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

## Actions Timeline

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