

HR 6531

Medical Supplies for Pandemics Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 1, 2020
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 1, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 1, 2020
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Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 12, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 17, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7574	Related bill	Sep 22, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 3827	Identical bill	May 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to take specified actions, as part of its management of the Strategic National Stockpile, to establish and maintain domestic reserves of critical medical supplies. Specifically, HHS must (1) create incentives for manufacturers of medical supplies to increase emergency stocks and diversify geographic production; (2) purchase, lease, or enter into joint ventures with respect to facilities and equipment to produce medical supplies; and (3) work with distributors to refresh and replenish medical supplies. HHS must also submit a report to Congress concerning the details of any purchase, lease, or joint venture.

The department's authority under the bill to make purchases, leases, or joint ventures for medical supplies terminates on September 30, 2023.

Actions Timeline

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