

HR 6662

PRICE Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: May 1, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (May 4, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 1, 2020
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 1, 2020
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 1, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 1, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 1, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		May 8, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jun 24, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3858	Identical bill	Jun 1, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of May 1, 2020)

Pandemic Response and Interstate Cost Equity Act or the PRICE Act

This bill establishes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the sole buyer, vendor, owner, and distributor of certain medical equipment obtained by the federal government in the event of a national health emergency and establishes a process for the pricing and distribution of such equipment.

Specifically, in the event of such an emergency, the Department of Health and Human Services shall assess available medical equipment and FEMA shall (1) become the sole owner and distributor of medical equipment obtained by the federal government for which the prevailing market price exceeds the fair market price by more than 15%, (2) contract with all persons capable of producing such equipment to produce such equipment, and (3) establish a price for such equipment and sell or otherwise distribute the equipment to the states or to persons that request it.

The bill establishes in Congress a Joint Committee on Defense Production.

Actions Timeline

- **May 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.