

HR 7168

Creating Capacity for Communities in Need Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Sep 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3547	Identical bill	Mar 19, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill provides for an exception, during the national emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to provisions under the Stark law (i.e., the Physician Self-Referral Law) that prohibit physician-owned hospitals from expanding facility capacity.

Specifically, the bill excludes from such restrictions any increase in operating rooms, procedure rooms, or beds for which a hospital is licensed or begins construction during the period of March 13, 2020, through the last day of the national emergency.

Actions Timeline

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