

## HR 7528

Get America Back to Work Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jul 16, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Get America Back to Work Act**

This bill limits civil liability of persons for the spread or transmission of coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19) and exempts employers from certain federal occupational safety and health laws and regulations in relation to the virus.

The bill shall be in effect from January 1, 2020, until 18 months after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Generally, a person shall be exempt from liability for the spread or transmission of the virus if the person made reasonable efforts to comply with applicable guidance regarding COVID-19. Further, a health care provider acting in good faith shall be exempt from liability for the spread or transmission of the virus caused by the provider's act or omission if (1) the provider was providing health care services significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, (2) the act or omission occurred while a health professional was performing services within the scope of the professional's license or certification to provide such services, and (3) the act or omission does not exceed the scope of the license or certification of a substantially similar health professional.

However, a person (including a health care provider) may still be liable in certain instances, such as if the act or omission in question constitutes willful or criminal misconduct, reckless misconduct, or gross negligence.

Additionally, the bill exempts employers from citation and civil and criminal penalties for violating occupational safety and health standards related to the spread or transmission of the virus, if the employer made reasonable efforts to comply with applicable guidance related to the virus.

## **Actions Timeline**

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