

## HR 7567

Helping Experts Accelerate Rare Treatments Act of 2020

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**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 9, 2020)

#### Helping Experts Accelerate Rare Treatments Act of 2020

This bill addresses rare diseases, including by requiring the Food and Drug Administration to ensure the inclusion of rare disease experts and staff members in various parts of the drug review process.

The bill also requires certain reports to address issues related to rare diseases and drugs for treating such diseases (sometimes referred to as *orphan drugs* if the rarity of the disease makes it difficult for the drug to be profitable).

### Actions Timeline

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