

HR 7852

Toxic Exposure Safety Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: Jul 29, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, 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. (Jul 29, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4363	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6009	Related bill	Feb 27, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

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This bill expands an existing program to provide compensation to Department of Energy (DOE) employees and contractors for illnesses caused by occupational exposure to radiation and certain substances to cover additional workers with illnesses caused by toxic substances.

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program shall cover DOE employees and contractors who are members of the Toxic Special Exposure Cohort established under this bill. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish rules for determining whether a DOE employee or contractor qualifies as a cohort member, including a list of qualifying diseases.

The bill also requires the Department of Labor to create or update assessments of toxic substance exposure in each DOE facility.

The bill also appropriates funds as necessary for DOE's assistance with certain Labor activities related to DOE facilities.

Furthermore, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences shall conduct or support research on the epidemiological impacts of toxic substance exposure at DOE facilities.

Actions Timeline

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