

HR 8027

Maternal Health Pandemic Response Act of 2020

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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Aug 11, 2020
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Dec 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4769	Identical bill	Sep 30, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Aug 11, 2020)

Maternal Health Pandemic Response Act of 2020

This bill addresses maternal health during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency by supporting data collection, development of COVID-19 therapeutics and workplace protections, and other activities.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must issue guidance for states and local health departments on collecting data on pregnancy and postpartum status in conjunction with COVID-19 tests. In addition, the bill provides funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand particular maternal health surveillance programs. The CDC and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must also publish pregnancy and postpartum data related to COVID-19, and the CDC and the Indian Health Service must consult with tribes about collecting this data for tribal populations.

Additionally, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration must collect information about the effects of COVID-19 therapeutics on pregnant and postpartum individuals. The NIH must also ensure that at least one vaccine will be suitable for that population and must support related research.

In addition, the Department of Labor must implement an emergency temporary standard to protect employees from workplace exposures to the virus that causes COVID-19 that specifically addresses pregnant and postpartum individuals. Certain regulatory requirements shall not apply in developing this standard.

The CDC must also carry out an education campaign about pregnancy and COVID-19 and must establish a task force that addresses maternity care during the COVID-19 emergency.

Furthermore, the Government Accountability Office must report on maternal health and public health emergency preparedness.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Aug 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 11, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Natural Resources, 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.