

## HR 8128

Consumer Safety Technology Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Aug 28, 2020

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 30, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Sep 24, 2020
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Sep 24, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 24, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 29, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8153	Related bill	<b>Sep 1, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## Consumer Safety Technology Act

This bill requires various agencies to explore the use of emerging technologies in the context of consumer products and safety. First, the Consumer Product Safety Commission must consult with relevant stakeholders, such as data scientists and product manufacturers, and use artificial intelligence in a pilot program for a least one of the following processes: (1) tracking trends in injuries involving consumer products, (2) identifying consumer product hazards, (3) monitoring the sale of recalled consumer products, or (4) identifying consumer products that do not meet specified importation requirements related to product safety.

Additionally, the Department of Commerce must consult with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other relevant agencies to study potential applications of blockchain technology (i.e., the technology that supports digital currencies such as Bitcoin), including the use of such technology to address fraud and other unfair or deceptive practices.

Finally, the FTC must report on its efforts to address unfair or deceptive trade practices related to digital tokens (i.e., transferable units of a digital currency).

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-545.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 445.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4988-4990)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8128.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H4988-4989)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 28, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 28, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.