

HR 8479

Essential Medicines Strategic Stockpile Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Oct 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2020)

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to create a pilot program with private entities to test the effectiveness of acquiring, maintaining, managing, and distributing a stockpile of generic drugs at risk of shortage.

Specifically, HHS must enter into contracts of up to three years for entities to create a six-month stockpile of up to 50 types of such drugs.

The bill establishes various program requirements, including annual evaluations by the Government Accountability Office.

Actions Timeline

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