

## HR 8640

### SAFEGUARD Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 20, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Oct 20, 2020)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 20, 2020
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 20, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Scientific Agencies Following Evidence and Guaranteeing that Unscientific Agendas are Refused and Denounced Act of 2020 or the SAFEGUARD Act of 2020**

This bill establishes the Public Health Oversight Panel and sets out its duties and membership.

Generally, the panel must, in consultation with relevant advisory bodies, advise Public Health Service agencies on the scientific basis for their actions.

In addition, during public health emergencies, the agencies must provide the panel with the opportunity to review the scientific basis of their regulatory activities. The agencies may not issue a regulation, order, or other guidance if the panel determines that the scientific basis of the action is incorrect or that the evidence to support the scientific basis is insufficient.

### **Actions Timeline**

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