

## HR 8920

### The PASTEUR Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 9, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, 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. (Dec 9, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8920>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3] | R · GA        |      | Dec 9, 2020  |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA        |      | Dec 28, 2020 |
| Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]        | R · UT        |      | Dec 28, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Armed Services Committee      | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Homeland Security Committee   | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Natural Resources Committee   | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee   | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 116 S 4760 | Identical bill | Sep 30, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

## **The Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions To End Up surging Resistance Act of 2020 or The PASTEUR Act**

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enter into subscription contracts for critical-need antimicrobial drugs, provides \$11 billion in appropriations for activities under the bill, and contains other related provisions.

A manufacturer of a Food and Drug Administration-approved antimicrobial drug may apply to HHS to have the drug designated as a critical-need antimicrobial, and HHS may enter into a subscription contract for such a critical-need antimicrobial. The bill imposes certain requirements related to such contracts, including a mechanism to lower payments under the contract in certain instances to limit the manufacturer's revenue from the drug.

Furthermore, HHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall award grants to support efforts to encourage the appropriate use of antimicrobial drugs and efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance.

HHS shall also establish a Committee on Critical Need Antimicrobials. The committee shall develop a list of prioritized infections for which new antimicrobial drug development is needed, among other duties.

Within six years of the bill's enactment, the Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress a study on the bill's effectiveness in developing priority antimicrobial drugs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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