

## HR 2148

### Prescription Drug Price Relief Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 23, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. (Oct 19, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2148>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]

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

## Cosponsors (18 total)

| Cosponsor                                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]               | D · NY        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
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| Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]              | D · MA        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
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| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]         | D · IL        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]               | D · MI        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]           | D · VT        |      | Mar 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]                    | D · MO        |      | Mar 26, 2021 |
| Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]             | D · CA        |      | Mar 26, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Mar 24, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred to | Oct 19, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship   | Last Action  |
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| 117 S 909 | Identical bill | Mar 23, 2021: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security. Hearings held. |

### Summary (as of Mar 23, 2021)

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#### Prescription Drug Price Relief Act of 2021

This bill establishes a series of oversight and disclosure requirements relating to the prices of brand-name drugs.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to review at least annually all brand-name drugs for excessive pricing; HHS must also review prices upon petition. If any such drugs are found to be excessively priced, HHS must (1) void any government-granted exclusivity; (2) issue open, nonexclusive licenses for the drugs; and (3) expedite the review of corresponding applications for generic drugs and biosimilar biological products. HHS must also create a public database with its determinations for each drug.

Under the bill, a price is considered excessive if the domestic average manufacturing price exceeds the median price for the drug in Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Japan. If a price does not meet this criteria, or if pricing information is unavailable in at least three of the aforementioned countries, the price is still considered excessive if it is higher than reasonable in light of specified factors, including development cost, revenue, and the size of the affected patient population.

The bill also requires drug manufacturers to report specified financial information for brand-name drugs, including research and advertising expenditures.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.