

S 2685

No Mask Mandates Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND] | R · ND | | Aug 9, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Aug 10, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 4041 | Related bill | Jun 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 117 S 2084 | Related bill | Jun 16, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

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This bill nullifies existing federal mask mandates and prohibits future actions to require individuals to wear face masks to respond to COVID-19.

Specifically, the bill nullifies

- the executive order issued on January 20, 2021, that requires the use of face masks in federal buildings and on federal lands; and
- the emergency order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on January 29, 2021, that requires the use of face masks on public transportation conveyances and in transportation hubs.

In addition, the bill prohibits (1) federal agencies or offices from issuing any future orders that mandate face masks, and (2) the use of previously appropriated federal funds to implement or enforce masking requirements.

Actions Timeline

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