

## S 2685

### No Mask Mandates Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Aug 9, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Aug 9, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Aug 9, 2021

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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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