

HR 3635

Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 28, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 28, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		May 28, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 28, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 28, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 28, 2021
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 28, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		May 28, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 28, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		May 28, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 28, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 28, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 28, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Oct 20, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1974	Related bill	Jun 8, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Oct 20, 2021)

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This bill makes changes to the administration and management of the Strategic National Stockpile.

Among these changes, the bill authorizes through September 30, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to transfer supplies from the stockpile to any federal departments or agencies under certain conditions. HHS must also ensure the contents of the stockpile remain in working order and may enter into maintenance service contracts to carry out this requirement.

Furthermore, as part of its management of the stockpile, HHS must establish and maintain domestic reserves of certain supplies, including by entering into cooperative agreements or partnerships to access facilities and equipment to produce these supplies. The authority for such agreements and partnerships terminates on September 30, 2024.

Additionally, the bill temporarily authorizes HHS to award grants to states for maintaining stockpiles of certain equipment and supplies for use during public health emergencies.

HHS must also develop transparent processes for the use and distribution of supplies from the stockpile that address, for example, the prioritization of requests. Additionally, during the COVID-19 emergency, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response must report monthly on requests for supplies from states, tribes, and other jurisdictions. These reports must include the rationale for any partially fulfilled or denied requests.

Lastly, the Government Accountability Office must study the feasibility of establishing user fees to offset costs for procuring single-source materials for, and distributing such materials from, the stockpile.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 21, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5701)
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 22 (Roll no. 322).(text: CR 10/19/2021 H5651-5653)
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- **Oct 20, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5651-5654)
- **Oct 19, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3635.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 31, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.