

## HR 5147

To prohibit the Secretary of Defense from procuring personal protective equipment from certain non-allied foreign nations, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Aug 31, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Aug 31, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5147>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 31, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2022:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.
117 S 2792	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2021:</b> An errata sheet on written report No. 117-39 was printed.

## Summary (as of Aug 31, 2021)

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This bill prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from procuring any covered item from the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, or the Islamic Republic of Iran. Under the bill, *covered items* include sanitizing and disinfecting wipes, testing swabs, gauze, bandages, and personal protective equipment for use in preventing the spread of disease and the materials and components thereof.

The bill provides for an exception to the prohibition in circumstances where (1) DOD determines that covered materials of satisfactory quality and quantity cannot be procured from other nations at a specified time and reasonable price, (2) the procurement of covered items is for use outside of the United States, or (3) the purchase is for amounts not greater than \$150,000. However, a proposed purchase or contract for an amount greater than \$150,000 may not be divided into multiple purchases or contracts for lesser amounts to qualify for an exception.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 31, 2021:** Introduced in House
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