

## HR 6973

Enhanced Access to Affordable Medicines Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 9, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6973>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                  | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2] | D · MN        |      | Apr 26, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Mar 9, 2022 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                             |
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| 117 S 4351 | Related bill | <b>Jun 6, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

### Summary (as of Mar 8, 2022)

#### Enhanced Access to Affordable Medicines Act of 2022

This bill specifies that the Food and Drug Administration may approve generic drugs with different labels than the brand-name versions if, among other requirements, the brand-name drug is subject to an active patent or exclusivity period and a revised label for the brand-name drug is approved within 90 days (rather than 60 days) of the expiration of the patent or exclusivity period.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.