

HR 719

Right to Test Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 3, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Feb 2, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 152	Identical bill	Feb 2, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Right to Test Act

This bill authorizes a state's public health department, or another entity designated by the state's governor, to approve a diagnostic test or diagnostic device (e.g., a test for the virus that causes COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019) for use during a public health emergency.

Unless requested by the governor of the state, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must not, during the emergency, engage in certain enforcement actions related to such a test or device.

Not later than 180 days following the end of the public health emergency, the FDA must review and make a final determination concerning approval of the test or device.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.