

## HR 742

FLEX Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 3, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 4, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 3, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8588	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 S 896	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Flexibility Through Lower Expenses Health Care Act or the FLEX Act**

This bill provides statutory authority for certain short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans and association health plans.

The bill permits short-term, limited-duration plans to provide coverage for a period of less than 12 months, not including extensions. Under current law, such plans are exempt from certain market requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as coverage of individuals with preexisting conditions.

The bill further permits groups or associations of employers to sponsor fully insured group health plans as if they were employers. Such plans may not discriminate based on the health factors of any prospective plan participant for the purpose of granting an employer's membership in the association or determining a participant's eligibility for benefits or premium amounts.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.