

HR 8408

Federal Mask Mandate Limitations Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2022
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 18, 2022
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8588	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

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This bill requires prior congressional approval of any executive agency mandate that requires wearing masks or face coverings on commercial aircraft, trains, vessels, and public transportation.

Before such a mandate may take effect, an agency must publish in the Federal Register and provide Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) with scientific data, cost-benefit and economic impact analyses, and other information about the mandate's rationale.

The GAO must, within 15 days, provide a report to Congress that assesses (1) the agency's compliance with the bill's provisions, and (2) the effect of the mask mandate on private-sector activity.

Generally, the mandate shall not go into effect unless Congress approves it through a joint resolution; the bill sets procedures for the consideration of the joint resolution.

However, the mandate may temporarily go into effect without congressional approval if the President determines the mandate is necessary to address (1) imminent health or safety threats or other emergencies, (2) the enforcement of criminal laws, or (3) national security.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 19, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, and Rules, 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.