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Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 30, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 15, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/150>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		May 2, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		May 2, 2023
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill limits in certain instances the number of patents that a reference biological product manufacturer can assert in a patent infringement lawsuit against a company seeking to sell a biosimilar version.

Specifically, if the biosimilar manufacturer completes certain actions as part of an abbreviated pathway to get market approval, the bill limits, subject to exceptions and waivers, the number of certain types of patents that the reference product manufacturer may assert, such as patents filed more than four years after the reference product received market approval.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 15, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 12, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 11, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4537-4538)
- **Jul 11, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 11, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4537-4538)
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 22.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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