

HR 405

Essential Medicines Strategic Stockpile Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 29, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to create a pilot program to test the effectiveness of acquiring, maintaining, managing, and distributing a stockpile of generic drugs at risk of shortage.

To carry out the pilot program, HHS must enter into contracts for a term of up to three years with drug manufacturers, co-op or chain pharmacy warehouses, or other eligible entities to create a six-month stockpile of up to 50 types of such drugs.

The bill establishes various program requirements, including annual evaluations by the Government Accountability Office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 27, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.