

118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2602

To limit the scope of regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to control communicable diseases, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Limiting CDC to Dis-  
5 ease Control Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITING THE SCOPE OF REGULATIONS OF THE DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-**  
3 **ICES TO CONTROL COMMUNICABLE DIS-**  
4 **EASES.**

5 Section 361(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 264(a)) is amended by striking “The Surgeon Gen-  
7 eral,” and all that follows through “may be necessary.”  
8 at the end and inserting the following: “To prevent the  
9 introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable dis-  
10 eases from foreign countries into the States or posses-  
11 sions, or from one State or possession into any other State  
12 or possession, the Secretary may make and enforce regula-  
13 tions under this section—

14 “(1) for the measures authorized under sub-  
15 sections (b) through (d); or

16 “(2) to provide for such inspection, fumigation,  
17 disinfection, sanitation, pest extermination, or de-  
18 struction of animals or articles found to be so in-  
19 fected or contaminated as to be sources of dangerous  
20 infection to human beings.”.

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