



117th Congress, 2021–2022

Legislative Audit

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Tonko Bills Signed into Law

- **H.R. 1316 (S. 1942): National Heritage Area Act (Bipartisan)**—extends authorizations for the nation’s 55 National Heritage Areas for 15 years and establishes clear, transparent standards to make it easier for local partnerships to develop and maintain these sites
 - ❖ 138 cosponsors
 - ❖ Signed into law 1/5/2023
- **H.R. 1384: Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act (Bipartisan)**—ends an outdated redundancy in federal law restricting health providers from prescribing buprenorphine, a proven treatment that has helped millions suffering with a substance use disorder. After France took similar action to make buprenorphine available without a specialized waiver, opioid overdose deaths declined by 79% over a four-year period
 - ❖ 250 cosponsors
 - ❖ Signed into law as Section 1262 of Division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022
- **H.R. 7235: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant Act (Bipartisan)**—reauthorizes block grant for another five years, ensuring sustained investment in programs that support states, communities, and families battling the disease of addiction
 - ❖ Signed into law as Sections 1241 to 1247 of Division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022
- **H.R. 1184 & H.R. 6888: Helping Experts Accelerate Rare Treatments (HEART) Act (Bipartisan)**—strengthens the U.S. Food and Drug Administration review process for drugs that treat rare and ultra-rare diseases by directly involving scientists and doctors with expertise throughout the review process
 - ❖ Signed into law as Section 3202 of Division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022
- **An amendment to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (Bipartisan)**—amends Tonko’s previously enacted Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (116th Congress) to strengthen the role of the Federal Trade Commission in overseeing HISA and addresses constitutional challenges to the law to secure a brighter future for the horseracing industry
 - ❖ Signed into law as Section 701 of Division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022
- **H.R. 3821 (114th Congress), the Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act, Medicaid DOC Act, (Bipartisan)**—improves access to doctors for Medicaid participants by requiring states and

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Medicaid managed care companies to publish and regularly update searchable provider directories

- ❖ **Signed into law as Section 5123 of Division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022**
- **H.R. 6290: Manufacturing.gov Act (Bipartisan)**—requires the Department of Commerce to establish a section of the manufacturing.gov website to serve as the primary hub for information relating to federal manufacturing programs
 - ❖ **Signed into law as Section 101 of Division BB of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2617) on 12/29/2022**
- **H.R. 9399: POWER our Reservoirs Act (Protect our Waters and Expand Renewables on our Reservoirs Act)**—requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study the opportunities to advance clean energy and protect against drought by deploying floating solar panels at Army Corps reservoirs
 - ❖ **Partially enacted into law as Section 8232 of the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 7776) on 12/23/2022**
- **H.R. 2635: Restoring Offshore Wind Opportunities Act**—overturns the Trump-era offshore wind leasing ban in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to jumpstart clean energy deployment and create high quality jobs across the nation
 - ❖ **Signed into law as Section 50251 of the Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376) on 8/16/2022**
- **H.R. 2825: Fort McClellan Health Registry Act (Bipartisan)**—establishes a health registry to track links between service at Fort McClellan and the severe life-long health problems plaguing many of the veterans who served there
 - ❖ **Signed into law as Section 801 of the Honoring our PACT Act (S. 3373) on 8/10/2022**
- **H.R. 6291: Microelectronics Research for Energy Innovation Act (Micro) Act (Bipartisan)**—establishes a new Department of Energy program on the development, demonstration, and commercial application of microelectronics, supporting cutting-edge research and development of chip technologies
 - ❖ **Signed into law as Section 10731 under the CHIPS and Science Act (H.R. 4346) on 8/9/2022**
- **H.R. 4192: Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission Reauthorization Act (Bipartisan)**—extends the authorization for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission through to 2037, securing the long-term viability of this historic, environmental, and economic resource
 - ❖ **Signed into law as Section 119 of the Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2471) on 3/15/2022**
- **H.R. 2956: SAFE Limos Act & H.R. 2957: Take Unsafe Limos Off the Road Act (Bipartisan)**—comprehensive limousine safety legislation, drafted in response to the tragic Schoharie limousine crash
 - ❖ **H.R. 2956 (Bipartisan)**—includes a broad array of safety reforms including seat integrity and safety belt requirements, safety and evacuation research, inspection history disclosure requirements, and for the first time creates a definition of a limousine in federal statute allowing for more effective safety standards

- ❖ **H.R. 2957 (Bipartisan)**—provides funding to support states’ efforts to impound or immobilize vehicles that fail inspection for critical safety reasons, encouraging them to take strong actions to keep unsafe limos that fail inspection off the road
- ❖ **Signed into law as Sections 23015, 23023 and 23004 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (H.R. 3684) on 11/15/2021**
- **H.R. 3291: Assistance, Quality, and Affordability (AQUA) Act**—delivers needed federal investments to local communities to address critical drinking water infrastructure needs and replace millions of lead service lines
 - ❖ **Partially enacted into law in Division E, Title I of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (H.R.3684) on 11/15/2021**
- **H.R. 2263: Manufacturing for Our Future Act**—establishes a Department of Energy clean energy manufacturing grant program
 - ❖ **Partially enacted into law as Section 40209 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (H.R.3684) on 11/15/2021**

House-passed legislation

- **H.R. 4677: New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act (Bipartisan)**—protects and restores the watersheds that flow into New York-New Jersey Harbor and their associated estuaries, improving accessibility and economic opportunity for the millions of Americans who reside near these waterways
 - ❖ **Passed out of the House as Section 5509 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 (H.R. 7900) on 7/14/2022**
- **H.R. 2948: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Act**—provides incentives to encourage U.S. consumers, as well as public and private entities, to invest in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, driving expanding access to public and workplace charging stations, and encouraging additional electric vehicle adoption
 - ❖ **Passed out of the House as Section 20102 of the INVEST in America Act (H.R. 3684) on 7/1/2022**
- **H.R. 955: Medicaid Reentry Act (Bipartisan)**—focuses on improving mental health and substance use care for justice-involved individuals by allowing states to restart Medicaid benefits for incarcerated individuals 30-days prior to release to ensure a smoother transition back into the community
 - ❖ **Passed out of the House as Section 30725 of the Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376) on 11/19/2021**

Introduced Bills

- **H.R. 7593: Access for All Communities Act of 2022**—consolidates information on federal grant opportunities in a public database to increase awareness of programs designed to assist economic

development activities in capacity-constrained communities

- **H.R. 5965: Clean Hydrogen Deployment Act (Bipartisan)**—strengthens American competitiveness and addresses climate change by incentivizing use of low-emissions hydrogen
- **H.R. 7592: The Community Leaders in Economic Development (Community LED) Act**—bolsters the economic development workforce through AmeriCorps partnerships with local governments and organizations to help ensure that critical programs are accessible and within reach for all
- **H.R. 9201: Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act (Bipartisan)**—tackles the nation’s mental health crisis by empowering communities through a new federal grant program to craft locally specific responses to the mental health problems caused by natural disasters and toxic stresses
- **H.R. 1716: the COVID-19 Mental Health Research Act (Bipartisan)**—funds research to study the effects the COVID-19 pandemic has on the mental health of Americans, with an emphasis on its impact on children and health care providers
- **H.R. 9446: Department of Energy Clean Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Research, Development, and Demonstration Act (Bipartisan)**—empowers the Department of Energy (DOE) to strengthen its efforts to support R&D of clean hydrogen and fuel cell technologies
- **H.R. 7434: Federal Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2022**—addresses climate change by investing in carbon dioxide removal technologies while also prioritizing domestic job creation, environmental justice, innovative technologies, and community benefits
- **H.R. 3450: Medicaid Bump Act (Bipartisan)**—increases the federal reimbursement rate for mental and behavioral health care services under Medicaid. Medicaid would reimburse states for 90 percent of the cost of providing new mental and behavioral health services
- **H.R. 5674: Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act (Bipartisan)**—improves care for millions of America’s seniors by permanently repealing the Medicare 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient psychiatric care. The existence of such a limit today is arbitrary— the limit currently does not apply to psychiatric units in general hospitals and no other lifetime limit exists for any other Medicare specialty inpatient hospital service
- **H.R. 7775: NAPA Reauthorization Act (Bipartisan)**—extends the National Alzheimer's Project through 2035 and supports coordination of federal planning, programs, and other efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
- **H.R. 8585: National Plan to End Parkinson’s Act (Bipartisan)**—creates an advisory council with members from every federal agency to unite in a mission to cure and prevent Parkinson’s, alleviate financial and health burdens on American families, and reduce government spending over time
- **H.R. 9641 the Offshore Energy Modernization Act**—provides the first comprehensive federal legislation to support long-term and responsible offshore wind development in the United States,

implementing critical measures and reforms to support offshore wind and ensure it meets national clean energy goals

- **H.R. 849: Scientific Integrity Act (Bipartisan)**—sets clear, enforceable standards for federal agencies and federally-funded research to keep public science independent from political or special interference or retaliation
 - ❖ **186 cosponsors**
- **H.R. 4676: State Industrial Competitiveness Act**—strengthens and enhances the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing, all while cutting emissions by providing manufacturers with needed resources and technical support to increase their overall efficiency
- **H.R. 2855: Star Rating for Biosimilars Act (Bipartisan)**—directs the Department of Health & Human Services to evaluate Medicare plans based on whether cost-saving biosimilars are available to enrollees. Biosimilar drugs are clinically equivalent forms of biologic drugs, similar to generics for standard prescription drugs. Biosimilars on average cost 30 percent less than biologics, which are used to treat some of life’s most serious diseases, including cancers, rheumatoid arthritis, and more
- **H.R. 6096: Stopping Grinch Bots Act**—cracks down on the use of digital “bot” technology being used to buy up large batches of trending holiday toys in order to resell them at grossly inflated prices. These third-party sellers are using these automated tools to manipulate online sales systems, making some toys nearly impossible to purchase anywhere at the original retail price
- **H.R. 7947: Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act**—strengthens the Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program to help save low-income families hundreds of dollars on their energy bills while making homes safer, healthier and more energy efficient
- **H.Res. 282: Commemorating the life and legacy of labor pioneer Kate Mullany in honor of Women's History Month.** Mullany established the first all-female union in the United States—the Collar Laundry Union—in Troy and rose to prominence as a leader in America’s labor movement