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**W.H.O. International Health Regulations in Federal Law**

This week I’ll be discussing the 18-page “pandemic act” stuffed inside the nearly 2000-page National Defense Authorization Act, which became law in December 2022. The pandemic act is a very big deal. It is intended to facilitate U.S. compliance with the World Health Organization’s controversial International Health Regulations.

This new law requires the president to articulate his plans for advancing several, including the International Health Regulations, the CDC’s global “One Health” initiative, the Global Health Security Agenda 2024 Framework and any “other relevant frameworks that contribute to global health security.” Unfortunately, the Defense bill passed with little opposition.


