

HR 1831

Small Business Liability Protection Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (81 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		May 15, 2001
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Barcia, James A. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Barrett, Thomas M. [D-WI-5]	D · WI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		May 15, 2001
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		May 15, 2001
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	R · FL		May 15, 2001
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 15, 2001
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		May 15, 2001
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 15, 2001
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	R · CA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 15, 2001
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 15, 2001
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-22]	D · CA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Cooksey, John [R-LA-5]	R · LA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		May 15, 2001
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 15, 2001
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 15, 2001
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-16]	D · MI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		May 15, 2001
Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Ehrlich, Robert L., Jr. [R-MD-2]	R · MD		May 15, 2001
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 15, 2001
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 15, 2001
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		May 15, 2001
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		May 15, 2001
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-6]	D · PA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Horn, Stephen [R-CA-38]	R · CA		May 15, 2001
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 15, 2001
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Largent, Steve [R-OK-1]	R · OK		May 15, 2001
Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 15, 2001
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 15, 2001
Rep. Mascara, Frank [D-PA-20]	D · PA		May 15, 2001
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		May 15, 2001
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-41]	R · CA		May 15, 2001
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 15, 2001

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Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	R · ID		May 15, 2001
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 15, 2001
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		May 15, 2001
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 15, 2001
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		May 15, 2001
Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-27]	R · NY		May 15, 2001
Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		May 15, 2001
Rep. Sawyer, Tom [D-OH-14]	D · OH		May 15, 2001
Rep. Sherwood, Don [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 15, 2001
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Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		May 15, 2001
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Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		May 15, 2001
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Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R · LA		May 15, 2001
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Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 15, 2001
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		May 15, 2001
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		May 15, 2001
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 15, 2001
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		May 16, 2001
Rep. Borski, Robert A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 16, 2001
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		May 16, 2001
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		May 16, 2001
Rep. Ganske, Greg [R-IA-4]	R · IA		May 16, 2001
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 16, 2001
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		May 16, 2001
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 16, 2001
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		May 16, 2001
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		May 17, 2001
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 17, 2001
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		May 17, 2001
Rep. Luther, Bill [D-MN-6]	D · MN		May 17, 2001
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 17, 2001
Rep. Condit, Gary A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 21, 2001
Rep. Roukema, Marge [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		May 21, 2001
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 21, 2001
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		May 21, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	May 16, 2001
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2001
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported By	May 21, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2869	Related bill	Jan 11, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-118.
107 S 1064	Identical bill	Jun 19, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of May 22, 2001)

Small Business Liability Protection Act - Amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide (with exceptions) that persons shall be liable for response costs at a National Priorities List (NPL) facility as non-owners or operators only if the total of material containing a hazardous substance that the business arranged for disposal, transport, or treatment of, or accepted for transport, was greater than 110 gallons of liquid material or 200 pounds of solid material. Applies this exemption only to activities taking place before April 1, 2001.

Exempts a person from liability for response costs (with exceptions) at a NPL facility for municipal solid waste (MSW) as a non-owner or operator if the person is an owner, operator, or lessee of residential property from which all of the person's MSW was generated, or a certain small business or small charitable tax-exempt organization that generated all its MSW, with respect to the facility concerned.

Makes nongovernmental entities that commence a contribution action liable to the defendant for all reasonable costs of defending the action if the defendant is not liable based on the above-described exemptions.

Adds to the list of parties eligible for de minimis final settlements certain persons and businesses that demonstrate an inability or limited ability to pay response costs.

Revises conditions of eligibility for such settlements for de minimis parties, including waiver of all claims that the party may have against other potentially responsible parties for response costs incurred with respect to the facility, unless the President determines that requiring a waiver would be unjust.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2001:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **May 22, 2001:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2542-2543)
- **May 22, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 134).(text of measure as reported: 5/21/2001 CR H2348-2349)
- **May 22, 2001:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 134). (text of measure as reported: 5/21/2001 CR H2348-2349)
- **May 22, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 21, 2001:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-70, Part I.
- **May 21, 2001:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-70, Part I.
- **May 21, 2001:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 107-70, Part II.
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- **May 21, 2001:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 39.
- **May 21, 2001:** Mr. Gillmor moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 21, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2348-2354)
- **May 21, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1831.
- **May 21, 2001:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 17, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 16, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 16, 2001:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2001:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **May 15, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **May 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E797)
- **May 15, 2001:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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