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## HR 4643

Freelance Writers and Artists Protection Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: May 2, 2002

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E702)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E702) (May 3, 2002)

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### **Sponsor**

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Party: Democratic • State: MI • Chamber: House

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Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-16]	D · MI		Jul 8, 2002
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2002
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Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jul 15, 2002
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2002
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Jul 25, 2002
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 10, 2002
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 10, 2002
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 10, 2002
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2002
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 10, 2002
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 10, 2002

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 2, 2002

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

Commerce

# **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Freelance Writers and Artists Protection Act of 2002 - Applies the antitrust laws to freelance writers or artists for purposes of negotiating the terms and conditions of contracts for the sale of written or graphic material to publishers in the same manner as such laws apply to employees who are members of a bargaining unit recognized under the National Labor Relations Act for purposes of engaging in collective bargaining with an employer.

Prohibits the award of statutory damages or attorney's fees for copyright infringement involving a work that was not made for hire that was first published as a contribution to a collective work unless registration of the collective work was made within three months after its first publication or prior to the infringement.

Includes unpublished works within the scope of criminal copyright infringement provisions.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- May 3, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E702)
- May 2, 2002: Introduced in House
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- May 2, 2002: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.