

## HR 3563

Cargo Theft Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2552)

**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2552) (May 5, 2004)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 10, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 21, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Cargo Theft Prevention Act - Directs the Attorney General to issue regulations to: (1) permit the reporting of cargo theft to the Attorney General by a carrier, facility, or cargo owner promptly after its discovery, to include information on the shipment's origin and destination, the commodities stolen, and the time and location of the theft; (2) create a database to contain the reports and integrate them with non-criminal justice and intelligence data; (3) prescribe procedures for database access by government agencies and privacy protection; and (4) share the results and analysis with appropriate agencies.

Requires Federal agencies with significant regulatory or law enforcement responsibilities over cargo theft, as designated by the Attorney General, to modify their databases to ensure the collection and retrievability of data relating to crime and terrorism and related activities affecting cargo transportation.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish an outreach program to work with State and local law enforcement officials to harmonize the reporting of data on cargo theft; and (2) disseminate cargo theft information to appropriate law enforcement officials. Limits disclosure of reports and data under the Freedom of Information Act.

Expands the scope of prohibitions against: (1) interstate or foreign shipments by carrier to include trailers and air cargo containers; and (2) the transportation and sale of stolen vehicles to include vessels.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 5, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2552)
- **Dec 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Nov 20, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 20, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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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