

HR 4455

Equal Surety Bond Opportunity Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** DC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Equal Surety Bond Opportunity Act - Cites activities that constitute unlawful discrimination by a surety against an applicant in a surety bond transaction, including denial: (1) on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability; or (2) because the applicant previously obtained a bond through a certain bonding assistance program or any special purpose bonding program.

Requires a surety to notify an applicant of action on the surety application within ten days of its filing.

Entitles an applicant against whom adverse action is taken to a statement of reasons for such action.

Subjects a surety to liability to the aggrieved applicant for both actual damages and legal costs for noncompliance with this Act.

Mandates full compliance with this Act as a condition for approval as surety by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **May 21, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E952)
- **May 20, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **May 20, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.