

HR 5182

Homeland Security Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Protection Act of 2004

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 13, 2004
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2536	Related bill	Sep 20, 2004: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 704.

Homeland Security Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Protection Act of 2004 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include within the primary mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that civil rights are not diminished by efforts aimed at securing the homeland.

Requires DHS's Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to report directly to the Secretary of DHS. Includes among the Officer's responsibilities to: (1) assist the Secretary, directorates, and offices of DHS to develop, implement, and periodically review DHS policies and procedures to ensure that the protection of civil rights is appropriately incorporated into DHS programs and activities; (2) oversee compliance with requirements relating to civil rights; (3) coordinate with the DHS Privacy Officer; and (4) investigate complaints and information indicating possible abuses of civil rights unless the DHS Inspector General (IG) determines that such complaints or information should be investigated by the IG.

Directs the IG to designate a senior official within the IG's Office to perform specified functions, including initiating investigations of alleged abuses by DHS employees, officials, contractors, or grantees.

Requires the Privacy Officer to report directly to the Secretary. Makes the Privacy Officer responsible for coordinating with the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to ensure that programs, policies, and procedures involving civil rights and privacy are addressed in a comprehensive manner and that Congress receives appropriate reports.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 5, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 13, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism.
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