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HR 379

Innocent Life Protection Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 2, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: PA • Chamber: House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jul 20, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 11, 2006
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Innocent Life Protection Act of 2005 - Requires any State which had sentenced to death a person determined to be innocent by a subsequent judicial process, to suspend the imposition and carrying out of the death penalty for at least ten years.

Prohibits a State from terminating such moratorium until it has, upon application, received a written determination by the Attorney General that: (1) due process of law with respect to capital punishment is observed within that State; (2) the State has established a broadly representative judicial review board that has examined all death penalty cases which are subject to the moratorium and determined they are free of due process violations; (3) during the last ten years of the moratorium there has been no reversal on appeal by a defendant from a capital sentence; (4) the State pursues capital punishment cases without racial bias; and (5) the State meets American Bar Association standards for appointment, performance, and compensation of counsel for indigent persons.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
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- Jan 26, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.