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HR 662

Second Chance for Ex-Offenders Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (27 total)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 3, 2005
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 3, 2005
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 3, 2005
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 3, 2005
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		May 3, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 3, 2005
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 3, 2005
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 3, 2005
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		May 3, 2005
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 3, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D·MS		May 3, 2005
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 3, 2005
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		May 16, 2005
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 16, 2005
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 16, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		May 16, 2005
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 22, 2005
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 14, 2005
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 14, 2005
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 20, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 25, 2006
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Apr 25, 2006

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.

Second Chance for Ex-Offenders Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal criminal code to allow an individual to file a petition for expungement of a record of conviction for a nonviolent criminal offense if such individual has: (1) never been convicted of a violent offense and has never been convicted of a nonviolent offense other than the one for which expungement is sought; (2) fulfilled all requirements of the sentence of the court in which conviction was obtained; (3) remained free from dependency on or abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance for a minimum of one year and has been rehabilitated, to the court's satisfaction, if so required by the terms of supervised release; (4) obtained a high school diploma or completed a high school equivalency program; and (5) completed at least one year of community service.

Authorizes an individual convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor to file an expungement petition. Directs the court, in ruling on such petition, after determining petitioner eligibility, to weigh the petitioner's interests against the best interests of justice and public safety.

Authorizes the Department of Justice to maintain a nonpublic manual or computerized index of expunged records, to be made available only to Federal and State law enforcement personnel who have custody of such records for limited disclosure purposes.

Requires the restoration of expunged records of individuals subsequently convicted of any Federal or State offense.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 1, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E237)
- Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- Feb 8, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Feb 8, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.