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HR 785

Cargo Theft Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1854) (Apr 12, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	$R \cdot MI$		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	$R \cdot FL$		Mar 14, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2005

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

- Apr 12, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1854)
- Apr 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- Feb 10, 2005: Introduced in House
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