

HR 1525

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 2, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 964	Related bill	Jul 17, 2007: Star Print ordered on the bill.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 21, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to five years for intentionally accessing a protected computer (a computer exclusively for the use of a financial institution or the U.S. government or which is used in or affects interstate or foreign commerce or communication) without authorization, or exceeding authorized access, by causing a computer program or code to be copied onto the protected computer and intentionally using that program or code in furtherance of another federal criminal offense.

Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to two years if such unauthorized access of a protected computer is for the purpose of: (1) intentionally obtaining or transmitting personal information (including a Social Security number or other government-issued identification number, a bank or credit card number, or an associated password or access code) with intent to defraud or injure a person or cause damage to a protected computer; or (2) intentionally impairing the security protection of a protected computer with the intent to defraud or injure a person or damage such computer.

Prohibits any person from bringing a civil action under state law premised upon the defendant's violating this Act.

Exempts any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of the United States, a state, or a local law enforcement agency or of an U.S. intelligence agency from the prohibitions of this Act.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2011 to the Attorney General for prosecutions needed to discourage the use of spyware and practices commonly called phishing and pharming.

(Sec. 4) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Justice should vigorously prosecute those who use spyware to commit crimes and those that conduct phishing and pharming scams.

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 22, 2007:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 22, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5548-5551)
- **May 22, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1525.
- **May 22, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5548)
- **May 22, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5548)
- **May 22, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 21, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-159.
- **May 21, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 95.
- **May 2, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 2, 2007:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **May 1, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.