

S 1685

Fairness in Drug Sentencing Act of 2007

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1383	Related bill	Feb 12, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 S 1711	Related bill	Feb 12, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 HR 4545	Related bill	Dec 13, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
110 HR 460	Related bill	Jun 6, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1208)
110 HR 79	Related bill	Feb 2, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Fairness in Drug Sentencing Act of 2007 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to increase (by a factor of five) the amount of a controlled substance or mixture containing a cocaine base (i.e., crack cocaine) required for the imposition of mandatory minimum prison terms for trafficking in such controlled substance.

Eliminates the five-year mandatory minimum prison term for first-time possession of crack cocaine.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and amend, if appropriate, its sentencing guidelines for trafficking in a controlled substance to reflect the use of a dangerous weapon or violence in such crime and the culpability and role of the defendant in such crime.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8358-8359)
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.