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S 3259

Consumer Credit Fairness Act Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

Introduced: Jul 14, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6652) Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6652)

(Jul 14, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | $D\cdotIL$ | | Jul 14, 2008 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jul 14, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 14, 2008)

Consumer Credit Fairness Act - Amends federal bankruptcy law governing equitable subordination of claims in a bankruptcy case to: (1) subordinate a claim arising from a high cost consumer credit transaction to all other claims; and (2) require transfer to the estate in bankruptcy of any lien securing a subordinated claim.

Defines "high cost consumer credit transaction" as an extension of credit by a creditor resulting in a consumer debt with an applicable annual percentage rate (APR), including related costs and fees, that exceeds the lesser of: (1) the sum of 15% and the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a 30-year period of maturity; or (2) 36%.

Excludes a debtor's petition for relief resulting from a high cost consumer credit transaction from mandatory consideration for dismissal, or conversion to a case under chapter 11 or 13, based upon a finding of substantial abuse.

| Actions Timeline |
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