

HR 3899

Parents' Empowerment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. (Jan 14, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]

Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fallin, Mary [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jan 28, 2008
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 18, 2007)

Parents' Empowerment Act - Authorizes a minor, through a person acting on his or her behalf under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for compensatory and punitive damages for the knowing sale or distribution in interstate or foreign commerce of an entertainment product containing material harmful to minors, if: (1) a reasonable person would expect a substantial number of minors to be exposed to the material; and (2) the minor as a result of such exposure is likely to suffer personal or emotional injury or injury to mental or moral welfare.

Makes it an affirmative defense to such an action that: (1) a parent or guardian of the minor owned or possessed the entertainment product containing the material to which the minor was exposed; and (2) an act of that parent or guardian was the proximate cause of the minor's exposure.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 14, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Oct 18, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 18, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2182)
- **Oct 18, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.