

## HR 4545

Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking 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
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 13, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1383	Related bill	<b>Feb 12, 2008:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 S 1685	Related bill	<b>Feb 12, 2008:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 S 1711	Identical bill	<b>Feb 12, 2008:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 HR 460	Related bill	<b>Jun 6, 2007:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1208)
110 HR 79	Related bill	<b>Feb 2, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## Summary (as of Dec 13, 2007)

Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2007 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to increase 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 crack cocaine trafficking to eliminate the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

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 the role of the defendant in such crime, taking into account certain aggravating and mitigating factors.

Directs the Attorney General to make grants to improve drug treatment to offenders in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to establish demonstration programs to reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by substance abusers while incarcerated and until the completion of parole or court supervision.

Increases monetary penalties for drug trafficking and for the importation and exportation of controlled substances.

Authorizes appropriations to the Departments of Justice, the Treasury, and Homeland Security for FY2008-FY2009 for the prosecution of, and for supporting the prosecution of, high-level drug offenses.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H15446-15448)
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.