

HR 6491

Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3434	Related bill	Aug 1, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8042-8044)

Organized Retail Crime Act of 2008 - Amends the federal criminal code to define "organized retail crime" as: (1) the stealing, embezzlement, obtaining by fraud, false pretenses, or other illegal means of retail merchandise in quantities that would not normally be purchased for personal use or consumption for the purpose of reselling or otherwise reentering such retail merchandise in commerce; or (2) the recruitment of persons to participate in such criminal activities.

Modifies the crime of transporting and selling or receiving stolen goods to include activities involving organized retail crime and the facilitation of such crime through the operation of an online marketplace.

Expands the crime of fraud involving access devices to include the use of gift cards, a Universal Product Code label, or a radio frequency identification transponder to obtain goods or services illegally.

Imposes reporting and other requirements on operators of online marketplaces and high volume (at least \$12,000 annually) sellers relating to the sale of goods and services suspected of being acquired through organized retail crime.

Requires the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and, if appropriate, amend its guidelines for persons convicted of offenses involving organized retail crime.

Provides for civil forfeiture of any property used to commit or facilitate organized retail crime.

Allows a business whose goods or services were sold or used in the facilitation of organized retail crime through the operation of an online marketplace to obtain injunctive relief and compensatory damages.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1457)
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.