

HR 1727

Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 5, 2009
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		May 11, 2009
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 13, 2009
Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 21, 2009
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Sep 22, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1684	Related bill	Jul 22, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 481.

Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2009 - Directs the Attorney General to maintain at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) a national database for each criminal arsonist or bomber (an individual convicted of an arson or bombing offense), to be known as the National Criminal Arsonist and Criminal Bomber Registry. Limits the use of such Registry and disclosures therefrom to law enforcement purposes.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) ensure that updated information about a criminal arsonist or bomber is immediately available to all relevant jurisdictions (i.e., states, the District of Columbia, territories and possessions, and federally recognized Indian tribes); (2) provide notification to a jurisdiction in which the criminal arsonist or bomber is an employee, a student, or a resident; (3) establish and maintain a national arsonist and bomber Internet site which includes relevant information for each criminal arsonist or bomber; (4) establish guidelines for correction of erroneous information in the Registry or Internet site; and (5) develop and support software to enable jurisdictions to participate in the Registry and Internet site. Prohibits access by the public to information on the Internet site.

Sets forth the information required to be included in the Registry by the arsonist or bomber and by jurisdictions, including identifying information, physical descriptions, photographs, and fingerprints. Allows expungement of information from the Registry for juveniles after five years. Requires notification to criminal arsonists and bombers of registration requirements and the duty to register.

Requires jurisdictions to participate in the Registry before the later of three years after the enactment of this Act or one year after software provided by the Attorney General is made available to such jurisdictions. Reduces criminal justice assistance grants for jurisdictions that fail to comply with the requirements of this Act. Allows federally recognized Indian tribes to elect to participate in the Registry.

Grants the federal government and jurisdictions immunity from liability for good faith conduct under this Act.

Directs the Attorney General to establish and implement a Criminal Arsonist and Bomber Management Assistance program to award grants to jurisdictions to offset the costs of implementing this Act. Allows increased grant payments to jurisdictions that exceed deadlines for compliance with this Act.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2010-FY2014.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Mr. Schiff moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10094-10099)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1727.
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10094-10097)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10094-10097)
- **Sep 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.