

HR 1800

National Security Letters Reform Act of 2009

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Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 22, 2010
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Nov 16, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 30, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Security Letters Reform Act of 2009 - Prohibits a national security letter (letter) (a request for information sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in connection with a criminal investigation) from being issued unless the issuing official certifies specific facts providing reason to believe that the information or records sought pertain to a foreign power or agent thereof. Prohibits a letter from being issued in connection with an investigation of a U.S. person solely upon the basis of activities protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Prohibits: (1) a letter from containing unreasonable requirements or requiring privileged matter; or (2) disclosing to a person that the FBI has sought or obtained access to information under a letter for 30 days after receipt of the FBI's request for such information. Authorizes judicial review for the modification or revocation of a letter.

Provides limited uses of information acquired through a letter. Allows persons against whom evidence obtained from a letter is to be used to file a motion to suppress.

Provides a civil cause of action for the misuse of letters. Requires the authority to issue letters to revert, five years after the enactment of this Act, to that provided by law on October 25, 2001.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) undertake minimization and destruction procedures with respect to information acquired through letters; and (2) report semiannually on the number and use of letters. Requires the disposal of wrongly acquired information.

Revises requirements relating to claims of emergency in connection with certain letters.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services