

## HR 265

Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (May 21, 2009)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 21, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1789	Related bill	<b>Aug 3, 2010:</b> Became Public Law No: 111-220.

Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009 - 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 (DOJ), the Treasury, and Homeland Security (DHS) for FY2009-FY2010 for the prosecution of, and for supporting the prosecution of, high-level drug offenses.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **May 21, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jan 7, 2009:** 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.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce