

## HR 1116

Respect for Marriage Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Mar 16, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jun 1, 2011)

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Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2011
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2011

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Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 16, 2011
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Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2011
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 16, 2011
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Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2011
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Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2011
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Rep. Owens, William L. [D-NY-23]	D · NY		Jul 8, 2011
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 13, 2011
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2011
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 15, 2011
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2011
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 23, 2011

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Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Oct 3, 2011
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 3, 2011
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Oct 6, 2011
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2011
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2011
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Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 3, 2012
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 19, 2012
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Apr 19, 2012
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 10, 2012
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Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Jun 1, 2012
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Jun 1, 2012
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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 8, 2012
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Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jun 19, 2012
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2012
Rep. Barber, Ron [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Jul 18, 2012
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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2012
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 14, 2012
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Sep 14, 2012
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Sep 21, 2012
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2012
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Dec 27, 2012
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Dec 27, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 598	Related bill	Nov 10, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 228.

### Summary (as of Mar 16, 2011)

Respect for Marriage Act - Amends the Defense of Marriage Act to repeal a provision that prohibited a state, territory, possession, or Indian tribe from being required to recognize any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a same sex marriage.

Amends the federal rules of construction added by such Act concerning the definitions of "marriage" and "spouse" to provide that, for purposes of any federal law in which marital status is a factor, an individual shall be considered married if that individual's marriage is valid in the state where the marriage was entered into or, in the case of a marriage entered into outside any state, if the marriage is valid in the place where entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in a state. Removes the definition of "spouse" (currently, a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife).

### Actions Timeline

- Jun 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Mar 16, 2011: Introduced in House
- Mar 16, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.