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Government Litigation Savings Act

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Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 24, 2011

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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Jul 8, 2011
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Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Mar 22, 2012
Rep. Berg, Rick [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Apr 17, 2012
Rep. Gardner, Cory [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 17, 2012
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 18, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 15, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1720	Related bill	Oct 18, 2011: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 203.
112 S 1061	Identical bill	May 25, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Government Litigation Savings Act - (Sec. 2) Revises provisions of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and the federal judicial code relating to the fees and other expenses of parties in agency proceedings and court cases against the federal government.

Restricts awards of fees and other expenses under EAJA to prevailing parties with a direct and personal interest in an adjudication, including because of medical costs, property damage, denial of benefits, an unpaid disbursement, and other expenses of adjudication, or because of a policy interest.

Requires (currently, authorizes) the reduction or denial of an award if the party during the course of the proceedings engaged in conduct which unduly or unreasonably (currently, unduly and unreasonably) protracted the final resolution of the matter in controversy.

Increases to \$200 per hour the cap on attorney fees awarded under EAJA and eliminates the cost-of-living and special factor considerations for allowing an increase in the hourly rate for such fees.

Eliminates the net worth exemption for determining eligibility for fees and expenses under EAJA for tax-exempt organizations and cooperative associations under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Expands the reporting requirements of the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States to require the Chairman to report on fees and expenses awarded pursuant to a settlement agreement and to create and maintain online a searchable database containing detailed information with respect to each award of fees and other expenses under EAJA.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Comptroller General (GAO) to: (1) audit the implementation of EAJA for the years 1995 through the end of the calendar year in which this Act is enacted, (2) complete such audit not later than one year after the end of the calendar year in which this Act is enacted, and (3) report to Congress on the results of such audit.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-594.
- **Jul 11, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 429.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 14.
- **Nov 15, 2011:** Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law Discharged.
- **Oct 11, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **May 25, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.