

HR 304

To amend the limitation on liability for certain passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes.

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Jan 18, 2011

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Feb 28, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 10, 2011
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 26, 2011
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 19, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 18, 2011)

Increases from \$200 million to \$275 million the aggregate allowable amount that can be awarded (liability cap) for a single passenger rail accident or incident that was proximately caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct of a defendant (except a defendant that is governmental entity such as Amtrak). (Current law limits to \$200 million the aggregate allowable award to all rail passengers, against all defendants, for all claims, including claims for punitive damages, arising from a single accident or incident.)

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 19, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jan 18, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 18, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.