

## S 3529

### General Duty Clarification Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Sep 11, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sep 11, 2012)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 11, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6345	Related bill	Aug 3, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

## Summary (as of Sep 11, 2012)

General Duty Clarification Act of 2012 - Amends the Clean Air Act, with respect to provisions relating to the prevention of accidental releases of hazardous air pollutants, to provide that no entity may be found in violation of such provisions until the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): (1) promulgates final regulations establishing criteria defining the terms "extremely hazardous substance," "appropriate hazard assessment techniques," and "design and maintain a safe facility"; and (2) issues guidelines to ensure that enforcement of such provisions is handled by the regional offices of EPA in a uniform and appropriate manner across all regions of the United States.

Modifies the definition of "accidental release" to exclude an emission resulting from an intentional act.

## Actions Timeline

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