

HR 4171

Freedom from Over-Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act of 2012

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 8, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2062	Identical bill	Feb 2, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2012)

Freedom from Over-Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act of 2012 - Amends the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to repeal the prohibition on importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing in interstate or foreign commerce: (1) fish or wildlife taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of foreign law; or (2) plants taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of foreign law, without the payment of appropriate royalties, taxes, or stumpage fees required by foreign law, or in violation of any limitation under foreign law that governs the export or transshipment of plants. Repeals the prohibition on possessing such fish, wildlife, or plants within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Establishes a \$200,000 maximum limit on a civil penalty for a knowing violation of such Act that involves fish, wildlife, or plants with a market value of \$350 or more.

Repeals: (1) criminal penalties under such Act, and (2) the authorization to suspend, modify, or cancel specified licenses or permits issued to any person who is convicted of a criminal violation of such Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 8, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 19, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.