

HR 4362

STOP Identity Theft Act of 2012

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 2, 2012)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]

Party: Democratic • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 16, 2012
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		May 16, 2012
Rep. Rivera, David [R-FL-25]	R · FL		May 16, 2012
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 16, 2012
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 31, 2012
Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 31, 2012
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2012
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jun 20, 2012
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 10, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 9, 2012
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3688	Related bill	Dec 17, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Aug 1, 2012)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Stopping Tax Offenders and Prosecuting Identity Theft Act of 2012 or the STOP Identity Theft Act of 2012 - Calls for the Attorney General to: (1) make use of all existing resources of the Department of Justice (DOJ), including task forces, to bring more perpetrators of tax return identity theft to justice; and (2) take into account the need to concentrate efforts in areas of the country where the crime is most frequently reported, to coordinate with state and local authorities to prosecute and prevent such crime, and to protect vulnerable groups from becoming victims or otherwise being used in the offense.

Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) define "means of identification" to mean any name or number used to identify a specific person (currently, any specific individual); and (2) make tax fraud a predicate offense for aggravated identity theft.

Directs the Attorney General to include in the first annual DOJ performance report made more than nine months after the date of this Act's enactment information as to progress in implementing this Act regarding: (1) information readily available to DOJ about trends in the incidence of tax return identity theft, (2) the effectiveness of statutory tools in aiding DOJ in prosecuting it, (3) recommendations on additional statutory tools that would aid in removing barriers to effective prosecution, and (4) the status of implementing DOJ's March 2010 audit report on DOJ efforts to combat identity theft.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5619)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/31/2012 H5510-5511)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/31/2012 H5510-5511)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-639.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 460.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5510-5514)
- **Jul 31, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4362.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith (TX) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 9, 2012:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.