

## HR 4607

Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2012
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Apr 24, 2012
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2012
Rep. Canseco, Francisco "Quico" [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Lankford, James [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		May 8, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 1, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4078	Related bill	Jul 31, 2012: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 477.
112 S 2368	Identical bill	Apr 25, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jun 1, 2012)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012 - Prohibits a federal agency (excluding the Federal Election Commission [FEC], the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [FDIC], and the U.S. Postal Service [USPS]) from proposing or finalizing any midnight rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) finds is likely to result in: (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete internationally.

Defines "midnight rule" as an agency statement of general applicability and future effect that is issued during the moratorium period, that is intended to have the force and effect of law, and that is designed to: (1) implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy; or (2) describe the procedure or practice requirements of an agency. Defines the "moratorium period" as the day after the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in every fourth year succeeding a presidential election through January 20 of the following year in which a President is not serving a consecutive term. Exempts from the moratorium period any deadline: (1) for, relating to, or involving any midnight rule; (2) that was established before the beginning of the moratorium period; and (3) that is required to be taken during the moratorium period. Requires the Administrator, not later than 30 days after the beginning of a moratorium period, to identify and publish in the Federal Register a list of deadlines that are exempt.

Exempts any midnight rule that: (1) the President determines is necessary because of an imminent threat to health or safety or other emergency, to enforce criminal laws, to protect U.S. national security, or to implement an international trade agreement; and (2) the Administrator certifies in writing is limited to repealing an existing rule. Requires agency heads to publish in the Federal Register any midnight rule exempted from the moratorium period.

## Actions Timeline

- Jun 1, 2012: Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 112-513, Part I.
- Jun 1, 2012: Committee on Judiciary discharged.
- Jun 1, 2012: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 361.
- May 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- Apr 26, 2012: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Apr 26, 2012: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- Apr 24, 2012: Introduced in House
- Apr 24, 2012: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.