HR 5157

FREE Vietnam Act

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)
Chamber: House
Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance
Introduced: Apr 27, 2012
Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (May 2, 2012)
Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/5157

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]
Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jun 7, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2012)

Fostering Rights through Economic Engagement in Vietnam Act or FREE Vietnam Act - Amends the Trade Act of 1974 to add Vietnam to the list of countries ineligible for designation as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of duty-free treatment of its products under the generalized system of preferences unless the President certifies to Congress that Vietnam: (1) is not on the special watch list of countries not in compliance with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; (2) does not engage in pervasive violations of internationally-recognized human rights, including freedom of speech and freedom of religion; and (3) otherwise meets the requirements of this Act.

Authorizes the President to waive such requirements if it is in the U.S. national interest.

Actions Timeline

- **May 2, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 27, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.