

## HR 6215

To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jul 26, 2012

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 112-190.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 112-190. (Oct 5, 2012)

**Law:** 112-190 (Enacted Oct 5, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/6215>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House   | Reported By     | Sep 10, 2012 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Sep 22, 2012 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 5, 2012)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 11, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Amends the Trademark Act of 1946 to specify that ownership of a valid federal registration of a mark is a complete bar to an action with respect to the mark that: (1) is brought by another person under the common law or a statute of a state; and (2) seeks to prevent dilution (by blurring or by tarnishment) or asserts any claim of actual or likely damage or harm to the distinctiveness or reputation of a mark, label, or form of advertisement. (Removes any such federal-registration defense with respect to dilution claims under federal law and specifies that such a defense is only available in response to dilution claims under state law.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 5, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 5, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-190.
- **Sep 25, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 24, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 9/21/2012 S6665)
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- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **Sep 12, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5795-5796)
- **Sep 11, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6215.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5795)
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- **Sep 11, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-647.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 465.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 26, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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