

## HR 6333

Sunset Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Aug 2, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. (Sep 7, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2012
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">112 HR 4301</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 10, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
<a href="#">112 S 2199</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 15, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
<a href="#">112 HR 4116</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 6, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
<a href="#">112 HR 10</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2011:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
<a href="#">112 HR 3302</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 29, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">112 HR 3400</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 29, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
<a href="#">112 S 1786</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 3, 2011:</b> Motion to proceed to consideration of measure under the order of 11/2/2011, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, was rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 53. Record Vote Number: 196. (consideration: CR S7113)
<a href="#">112 S 1720</a>	Related bill	<b>Oct 18, 2011:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 203.
<a href="#">112 S 299</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 20, 2011:</b> Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-220.

## Summary (as of Aug 2, 2012)

Sunset Act of 2012 - Revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking to require federal agencies to submit to Congress and the Comptroller General (GAO) a report every three months containing a copy of any rule made during that three month period and information relating to such rule. Prohibits the implementation of a proposed rule prior to the submission of such report. Requires Congress to enact a joint resolution of approval of any agency rule and sets forth approval procedures.

Revises the definition of "rule" for purposes of this Act to exclude: (1) any rule of particular applicability, including a rule that approves or prescribes for the future rates, wages, prices, services, or allowances therefore, corporate or financial structures, reorganizations, mergers, or acquisitions thereof, or accounting practices or disclosures bearing on any of the foregoing; (2) any rule relating to agency management or personnel; or (3) any rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

Permits judicial review of whether an agency has completed the necessary requirements for a rule to take effect.

Requires agencies to designate not less than 10% of their eligible rules for review during each of the next ten years. Terminates any such rule for which Congress has not enacted a joint resolution of approval within 10 years after enactment of this Act.

Terminates an agency rule for which Congress has enacted a joint resolution of approval 10 years after the enactment of such resolution. Authorizes the President to exempt a rule from termination if such rule is: (1) necessary because of an imminent threat to health or safety or other emergency, for the enforcement of criminal law, or for national security; or (2) issued to implement an international trade agreement.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 7, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.