

HR 828

Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2012

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 376	Related bill	May 9, 2011: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.

Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2012 - Makes any person who has a seriously delinquent tax debt ineligible for federal employment or to continue serving as a federal employee. Defines "seriously delinquent tax debt" as an outstanding tax debt for which a notice of lien has been filed in public records. Exempts a tax debt: (1) that is being paid in a timely manner under an approved installment payment agreement or an offer-in-compromise, (2) for which a collection due process hearing has been requested or pending, (3) for which a levy has been issued or agreed to by an applicant for employment, or (4) that is determined to be an economic hardship to the taxpayer.

Requires each federal agency to: (1) ensure that applicants for employment certify that they do not have a seriously delinquent tax debt, (2) review public records to determine if a notice of lien has been filed against an employee or applicant, and (3) restrict access to and use of information obtained under this Act.

Authorizes an agency, if a tax lien against a federal employee or applicant is discovered in any public record, to: (1) request such employee or applicant to execute and submit a form authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose to an agency head information describing whether the employee or applicant has a seriously delinquent tax debt, and (2) contact the Secretary to request tax information about a seriously delinquent tax debt of an employee or applicant.

Requires the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to promulgate regulations to carry out this Act that provide taxpayers with all due process rights and to report to Congress annually on the number of exemptions granted for financial hardship. Grants federal employees or applicants 180 days to demonstrate that their tax debts are exempt from classification as a seriously delinquent tax debt under this Act.

Makes this Act effective nine months after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5414-5416)
- **Jul 31, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 828.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5449-5450)
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 263 - 114 (Roll no. 538). (text: CR H5414)
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- **Jul 31, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 112-115.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 66.
- **Apr 13, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 13, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 18, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy.
- **Feb 28, 2011:** Introduced in House
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