

## HR 900

### Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. (Mar 11, 2011)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Mar 9, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 9, 2011
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 9, 2011
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Mar 11, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Mar 14, 2011
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 16, 2011
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Mar 16, 2011
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jun 1, 2011
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 25, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act of 2011 - Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to prescribe rules prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the provision of funeral goods or services. Includes among such rules: (1) a requirement that price information be disclosed clearly and conspicuously; (2) a prohibition on misrepresentations or conditioning the provision of goods or services upon the purchase of other goods or services from the provider; (3) a requirement that any presale disclosures and contracts are written clearly, stating the merchandise, services, and prices and disclosing any penalties for canceling or transferring a contract; (4) a requirement that cemeteries provide to consumers all written rules and regulations of the cemetery and all material terms and conditions of purchase; and (5) a requirement that cemeteries retain all records in existence on the date of enactment of this Act and accurately record and retain records of interments, inurnments, or entombments.

Applies such rules to states or political subdivisions and tax-exempt organizations. Excludes cemeteries organized, operated, managed, and owned by a religious organization and that are not affiliated with a for-profit provider offering funeral goods and services for sale to the public.

Gives standing to states to bring a civil action for violations of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Mar 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2740)
- **Mar 3, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.