

## HR 2523

### Respect for Marriage Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jun 26, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jul 15, 2013)

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Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jul 10, 2013
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2013
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Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 18, 2013

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Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 25, 2013
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Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2013
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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Nov 12, 2014
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Nov 12, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1236	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jun 26, 2013)

Respect for Marriage Act - Amends the Defense of Marriage Act to repeal a provision that prohibited a state, territory, possession, or Indian tribe from being required to recognize any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a same sex marriage.

Amends the federal rules of construction added by such Act concerning the definitions of "marriage" and "spouse" to provide that, for purposes of any federal law in which marital status is a factor, an individual shall be considered married if that individual's marriage is valid in the state where the marriage was entered into or, in the case of a marriage entered into outside any state, if the marriage is valid in the place where entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in a state. Removes the definition of "spouse" (currently, a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife).

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

- Jun 26, 2013: Introduced in House

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- Jun 26, 2013: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.