

HR 2655

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Nov 18, 2013)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Oct 23, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 17, 2013
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5360	Related bill	Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 HRES 403	Related bill	Nov 13, 2013: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 223 - 194 (Roll no. 574). (text: CR H7009-7010)
113 S 1288	Identical bill	Jul 11, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013 - Amends the sanctions provisions in Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to require the court to impose an appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that has violated, or is responsible for the violation of, the rule with regard to representations to the court. Requires any sanction to compensate parties injured by the conduct in question.

Removes a provision that prohibits filing a motion for sanctions if the challenged paper, claim, defense, contention, or denial is withdrawn or appropriately corrected within 21 days after service or within another time the court sets.

Authorizes the court to impose additional sanctions, including striking the pleadings, dismissing the suit, nonmonetary directives, or penalty payments if warranted for effective deterrence.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 403. (consideration: CR H7069-7079)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2655 and H.R. 982. In the case of H.R. 2655, the resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. In the case of H.R. 982, the resolution provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The resolution also provides for one motion to recommit the bill H.R. 982.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2655.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H7077)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Mr. Lewis moved to recommit with instructions to Judiciary. (consideration: CR H7077-7078; text: CR H7077)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lewis motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to prohibit provisions of the bill from applying to any cases brought under civil rights laws or the Constitution.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H7078)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 197 - 225 (Roll no. 580).
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 228 - 195 (Roll no. 581).(text: CR H7069)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 228 - 195 (Roll no. 581). (text: CR H7069)
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 403 Reported to House. The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2655 and H.R. 982. In the case of H.R. 2655, the resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. In the case of H.R. 982, the resolution provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The resolution also provides for one motion to recommit the bill H.R. 982.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-255.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 181.
- **Sep 11, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 11, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 10.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 6 - 2 .
- **Jul 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary