

S 2919

Copyright and Marriage Equality Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Nov 12, 2014

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5921)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5921) (Nov 12, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 13, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5617	Identical bill	Oct 28, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Summary (as of Nov 12, 2014)

Copyright and Marriage Equality Act - Amends federal copyright law to revise the definition of "widow" or "widower" for purposes of provisions concerning the transfer of a copyright to an author's spouse or other next of kin following the author's death. Declares that an individual is the widow or widower of an author if the courts of the state in which the individual and the author were married (or, if the individual and the author were not married in any state but were validly married in another jurisdiction, the courts of any state) would find that the individual and the author were validly married at the time of the author's death. (Currently, only the author's surviving spouse under the law of the author's domicile at the time of death is considered a widow.)

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 12, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5920-5921)
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