

## HR 5187

### Catalyst Theory Restoration Act of 2014

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jul 24, 2014

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Sep 26, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/5187>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary

(as of Jul 24, 2014)

Catalyst Theory Restoration Act of 2014 - Defines "prevailing party" for any Act of Congress, any agency ruling, regulation, or interpretation, or any judicial or administrative rule that provides for the recovery of attorney's fees, to include a party whose pursuit of a non-frivolous claim or defense was a catalyst for a voluntary or unilateral change in position by the opposing party that provides any significant part of the relief sought.

Prohibits this Act from altering any: (1) special eligibility criteria established for prevailing defendants, or (2) specific eligibility criteria contained in any statute that expressly limits or qualifies who may be considered a prevailing party for purposes of that statute.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 26, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 24, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 24, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.