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CINEMA Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Mar 13, 2013

Current Status: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. (May 14, 2013)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 14, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2013)

Captioning and Image Narration to Enhance Movie Accessibility Act or the CINEMA Act - Amends the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to declare it a discriminatory practice for any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates certain movie complexes to fail to ensure that the motion pictures are accessible to individuals with disabilities, including by making open captioning (openly displaying text on the movie screen), closed captioning (displaying text through an individual device), and video description (narrated descriptions) available for individuals who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or have other disabilities.

Applies this Act to entities operating a complex of at least two movie theaters, screening rooms, or similar venues, at a single location, that are used for the exhibition of copyrighted motion pictures, if such exhibition is open to the public.

Actions Timeline

- **May 14, 2013:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.
- **Mar 13, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1791-1792)
- **Mar 13, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1792)