

HR 1199

Innocent Sellers Fairness Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Mar 26, 2015
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Apr 21, 2015
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 21, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Apr 25, 2016
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 6, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2015)

Innocent Sellers Fairness Act

Exempts a lawful seller from liability for personal injury, monetary loss, or damage to property arising out of an accident or transaction involving a seller's products, unless the claimant proves one or more of the following activities by the seller:

- the seller was the manufacturer or participated in the design or installation of the product;
- the seller altered, modified, or expressly warranted the product in a manner not authorized by the manufacturer;
- the seller had actual knowledge of the defect in the product as a result of a recall from the manufacturer or governmental entity authorized to make such recall or actual inspection at the time the seller sold the product to the claimant;
- the seller had actual knowledge of the defect in the product at the time the seller supplied the product;
- the seller intentionally altered or modified a product warranty, warning, or instruction from the manufacturer in a way not authorized by the manufacturer; or
- the seller knowingly made a false representation about an aspect of the product not authorized by the manufacturer.

Limits the seller's liability to the personal injury, monetary loss, or damage to property directly caused by such activity where a claimant proves one or more of such activities was negligent.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Mar 2, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.