

## HR 1311

### Human Trafficking Fraud Enforcement Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Mar 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Mar 31, 2015)

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]

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

#### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 4, 2015
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2016

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 4, 2015

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Taxation

#### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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Directs the Department of the Treasury to establish within the Internal Revenue Service an office to investigate and prosecute violations of internal revenue laws by persons that appear to be engaged in violations of specified federal laws prohibiting forced labor, trafficking of individuals, and transportation of minors or aliens for immoral purposes and of state or territorial laws prohibiting the promotion of prostitution or of any commercial sex act. Directs such office to cooperate with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice and the Innocence Lost National Initiative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Allows victims of human trafficking crimes to claim awards allowed for whistleblowing.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase civil and criminal penalties for tax evasion attributable to income derived from human trafficking and commercial sex acts. Makes it a felony to fail to file a tax return including income derived from human trafficking or commercial sex acts. Appropriates to the Crime Victims Fund additional funds equal to the increase in receipts from increased civil and criminal penalties provided by this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E309)
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.