

## HR 1563

### Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Mar 24, 2015

**Current Status:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required)

**Latest Action:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 266 - 160 (Roll no. 157). (Apr 15, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1563>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Discharged From	Apr 14, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 14, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1206	Related bill	Apr 25, 2016: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 434.
114 S 303	Related bill	Jan 29, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S619-620)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2015**

(Sec. 2) Makes any individual who has a seriously delinquent tax debt ineligible for federal employment or to continue serving as a federal employee. Defines "seriously delinquent tax debt" as a federal tax liability assessed by the Internal Revenue Service and collectible by levy or court proceeding, except a tax debt: (1) that is being paid in a timely manner under an approved installment payment agreement or an offer-in-compromise, (2) for which a collection due process hearing has been requested or pending, (3) for which a continuous levy has been issued or agreed to by an applicant for employment, or (4) with respect to which such a levy is released because it has been determined to be an economic hardship to the taxpayer.

Requires each federal agency to: (1) ensure that applicants for employment certify that they do not have a seriously delinquent tax debt, (2) review public records to determine if a notice of lien has been filed against an employee or applicant, and (3) restrict access to and use of information obtained under this Act.

Authorizes an agency, if a tax lien against a federal employee or applicant for federal employment is discovered in a public record, to: (1) request such employee or applicant to execute and submit a form authorizing the Department of the Treasury to disclose to an agency head information describing whether the employee or applicant has a seriously delinquent tax debt, has willfully failed to file a required tax return, or has understated tax liability, and (2) request that Treasury disclose information authorized to be disclosed.

Authorizes the head of an agency to take personnel actions against an agency employee who willfully failed to file a required tax return or willfully understated federal tax liability.

Requires the Office of Personnel Management to: (1) promulgate regulations to carry out this Act that provide federal employees and applicants for employment with all due process rights and that allow, in a situation involving financial hardship, an employee with a seriously delinquent tax debt to continue employment; and (2) report to Congress annually on the number of exemptions granted for financial hardship. Grants federal employees or applicants for federal employment 180 days to demonstrate that their tax debts are exempt from classification as a seriously delinquent tax debt under this Act.

(Sec. 3) Makes this Act effective nine months after its enactment date.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 15, 2015:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2243-2249; text of measure as reported in House: CR H2243-2244)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1563.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2252)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 266 - 160 (Roll no. 157).
- **Apr 15, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 266 - 160 (Roll no. 157).
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 114-73, Part I.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Committee on House Administration discharged.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 53.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.