

S 1599

Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Jun 17, 2015

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 23, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Jun 17, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Reported By | Jul 16, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on July 16, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to prohibit an employer from discharging, demoting, suspending, harassing, or in any other manner discriminating against an employee, contractor, subcontractor, or agent of such employer (covered individual) who by a lawful act: (1) provided information to the employer or a federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, or any Member of Congress or congressional committee concerning a violation of antitrust law or of another criminal law committed in conjunction with a potential violation of antitrust law or in conjunction with an antitrust investigation by the Department of Justice; or (2) filed or caused to be filed, testified, participated, or otherwise assisted in a federal investigation or proceeding relating to such a violation. This protection does not extend, however, to any covered individual who planned and initiated such a violation or an obstruction to its investigation.

A violation with respect to the antitrust laws shall not be construed to include a civil violation of any law that is not also a criminal violation.

A covered individual who alleges discharge or other discrimination by an employer in violation of such prohibition is authorized to seek relief: (1) by filing a complaint with the Department of Labor; or (2) if Labor has not issued a final decision within 180 days of such filing, by bringing an action at law or equity in the appropriate U.S. district court. A covered individual who prevails in any such action is entitled to all relief necessary to make the individual whole, including reinstatement with the same status, back pay plus interest, and compensation for special damages sustained.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5474-5475; text as passed Senate: CR S5474)
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5474-5475; text as passed Senate: CR S5474)
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 151.
- **Jun 17, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 17, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4252)