

## HR 1789

Tank Car Safety and Security Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security. (Apr 27, 2015)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Tank Car Safety and Security Act of 2015**

Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to revise federal regulations regarding DOT-111 tank cars used to move flammable liquids to: (1) improve tank car design standards for new cars to include an outer steel jacket around it and thermal protection, full-height head shields, and high-flow capacity pressure relief valves; and (2) require additional safety upgrades to tank cars built after October 2011 by including installation of such valves and design modifications to prevent bottom outlets from opening in case of accident.

Directs the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to issue regulations to require that all rail safety coordinators ensure that no tank car containing crude oil is left unattended during any period that it is being transferred between railroad carriers or between a railroad carrier and a shipper.

Directs the Secretary to submit to Congress a plan to phase out older-model DOT-111 tank cars that are not retrofitted to meet the new federal requirements.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.

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