

## HR 197

### Respect for Marriage Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Feb 2, 2015)

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jan 7, 2015

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 7, 2015
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jan 7, 2015
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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2015
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Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jan 8, 2015
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Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jan 8, 2015
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 14, 2015
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jan 14, 2015
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2015

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Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 15, 2015
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2015
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Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Graham, Gwen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Nov 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 29	Identical bill	Jan 6, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S16-17)

## Respect for Marriage Act

Amends the Defense of Marriage Act to repeal a provision that prohibited a state, territory, possession, or Indian tribe from being required to recognize any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a same sex marriage.

Amends the federal rules of construction added by such Act concerning the definitions of "marriage" and "spouse" to provide that, for purposes of any federal law in which marital status is a factor, an individual shall be considered married if that individual's marriage is valid in the state where the marriage was entered into or, in the case of a marriage entered into outside any state, if the marriage is valid in the place where entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in a state. Removes the definition of "spouse" (currently, a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.