

## HR 2277

### Password Protection Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**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. (Jun 1, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]

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

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Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 12, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 12, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 12, 2015
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		May 12, 2015
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 12, 2015
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 12, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 14, 2015
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 14, 2015
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 18, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 18, 2015
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Sep 19, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Password Protection Act of 2015**

Amends the federal criminal code to subject to a fine any employer who knowingly and intentionally:

- compels or coerces any person to provide the employer with a password or similar information to access a protected computer not owned by such employer; or
- discharges, disciplines, discriminates, or threatens to take such actions, against any person who fails to authorize access to such computer, has filed a complaint or instituted a proceeding regarding such action, or testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding.

Declares that nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the authority of a court of competent jurisdiction to grant equitable relief in a civil action, if the court believes that the information sought to be obtained is relevant to protecting the intellectual property, a trade secret, or confidential business information of the party seeking relief.

Exempts an employer's actions from such prohibition if:

- the employer discharges or disciplines an individual for good cause;
- the employer complies with federal or state laws or regulations governing brokers, dealers, and investment advisers;
- a state enacts a law that specifically waives such prohibition with respect to a particular class of state or agency employees and the employer's action relates to an employee in such class; or
- an executive agency, military department, or other executive branch entity specifically waives the prohibition with respect to a particular class of employees who may have access to classified information.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.