

HR 2293

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: May 13, 2015

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. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

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

Cosponsors (250 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 13, 2015
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 13, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 13, 2015
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		May 13, 2015
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 13, 2015
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 13, 2015
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		May 13, 2015
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 13, 2015
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 12, 2015

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Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 12, 2015
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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2015
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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 13, 2015
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Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 29, 2015

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Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 31, 2015
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jul 31, 2015
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jul 31, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Aug 4, 2015
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Aug 4, 2015
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 9, 2015
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 25, 2015

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Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 1, 2015
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2015
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Oct 1, 2015
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Oct 21, 2015

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Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Nov 19, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jan 11, 2016

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Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Takai, Mark [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Feb 8, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2016
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 8, 2016
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 22, 2016
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Graham, Gwen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 10, 2016
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		May 10, 2016
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Nov 16, 2016
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Nov 16, 2016
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Nov 16, 2016
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Nov 29, 2016
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Nov 29, 2016
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Dec 5, 2016
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 8, 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

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1831	Related bill	Dec 12, 2016: Held at the desk.

Summary (as of May 13, 2015)

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit intentionally engaging in animal crushing in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States. (Current law prohibits knowingly creating or distributing an animal crush video.) Adds exceptions for conduct that is for predator or pest control, medical or scientific research, or necessary to protect the life or property of a person from a serious threat caused by an animal.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.