

HR 238

Copyright and Marriage Equality Act

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Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 23	Identical bill	Jan 6, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S12-13; text of measure as introduced: CR S13)

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2015)

Copyright and Marriage Equality Act

Amends federal copyright law to revise the definition of "widow" or "widower" for purposes of provisions concerning the transfer of a copyright to an author's spouse or other next of kin following the author's death. Declares that an individual is the widow or widower of an author if the courts of the state in which the individual and the author were married (or, if the individual and the author were not married in any state but were validly married in another jurisdiction, the courts of any state) would find that the individual and the author were validly married at the time of the author's death. (Currently, only the author's surviving spouse under the law of the author's domicile at the time of death is considered a widow.)

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Jan 9, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.