

HR 2856

Citizen Empowerment Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Jul 9, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 15, 2015
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 278	Related bill	Jan 28, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Requires any executive agency employee who is conducting an in-person or a telephonic interview, audit, investigation, inspection, or other official interaction with an individual relating to a possible violation of federal law that could result in the imposition of civil or criminal fines or penalties or the collection of unpaid tax to allow such individual to make an audio recording of the interaction.

Permits the employee conducting the interaction to record it if the employee: (1) informs the individual of the recording prior to or at the initiation of the interaction, and (2) provides the individual with a transcript of the recording at such individual's expense.

Requires the employee conducting an initial in-person or telephonic interview or other interaction to provide to the individual a verbal or written notice of such individual's rights.

Exempts from the application of this Act any in-person or telephonic interview or other interaction that: (1) is likely to include the discussion of classified material or information that would endanger public safety if released publicly; or (2) if released, would endanger an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by a federal law enforcement officer.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.