

## HR 3765

ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

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**Cosponsors** (61 total)

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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2016

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 5, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3446	Related bill	<b>Sep 28, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015**

This bill requires the Disability Rights Section of the Department of Justice to develop a program to educate state and local governments and property owners on strategies for promoting access to public accommodations for persons with a disability. The program may include training for professionals to provide a guidance of remediation for potential violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

The bill prohibits persons from, and subjects violators to a criminal fine for, sending demand letters or other pre-suit notifications alleging a violation of ADA public accommodation requirements if the notification does not specify the circumstances under which an individual was actually denied access. The notification must specify: (1) the address of property, (2) the specific ADA sections alleged to have been violated, (3) whether a request for assistance in removing an architectural barrier was made, and (4) whether the barrier was permanent or temporary.

The bill also prohibits commencement of civil action based on the failure to remove an architectural barrier to access into an existing public accommodation unless: (1) the aggrieved person has provided to the owners or operators a written notice specific enough to identify the barrier, and (2) the owners or operators fail to provide the person with a written description outlining improvements that will be made to improve the barrier or they fail to remove the barrier or make substantial progress after providing such a description.

The Judicial Conference of the United States must develop a model program to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve such claims. The model program should include an expedited method for determining relevant facts related to such barriers and steps to resolve accessibility issues before litigation.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 7, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 7, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 6.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Discharged.
- **Nov 3, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7393-7394)
- **Nov 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.