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State Marriage Defense Act of 2015

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 10, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 10, 2015
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 10, 2015
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 10, 2015
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 10, 2015
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 23, 2015
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 27, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 824	Identical bill	Mar 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Summary (as of Feb 10, 2015)

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Prohibits, for purposes of determining the meaning of any Act of Congress or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of U.S. administrative bureaus and agencies as applied with respect to individuals domiciled in a state or in any other territory or possession of the United States: (1) the term "marriage" from including any relationship that the state, territory, or possession does not recognize as a marriage; and (2) the term "spouse" from including an individual who is a party to a relationship that is not recognized as a marriage by that state, territory, or possession.

Actions Timeline

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