

## HR 5118

### SHIELD Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 28, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. (Apr 29, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5118>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5510	Related bill	Dec 13, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 685.
114 HR 5318	Related bill	May 24, 2016: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

## **Solidifying Habitual and Institutional Explanations of Liability and Defenses Act or the SHIELD Act**

This bill amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit guidelines or general statements of policy issued by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) from: (1) conferring rights upon any person, state, or locality; or (2) binding the FTC or any person, state, or locality to a recommended approach.

In enforcement actions, the FTC must prove a violation of a law enforced by the FTC. The FTC's enforcement actions or consent orders may not be based solely on allegations that acts or practices are inconsistent with guidelines or general policy statements unless the acts or practices violate FTC-enforced law.

Compliance with guidelines or general statements of policy may be used as evidence of compliance with a law under which the guidelines or statements were issued.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.