

## HR 5318

### SHIELD Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 24, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary,

**Latest Action:** 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. (May 24, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5318>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		May 24, 2016
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 24, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 24, 2016
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 24, 2016
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 24, 2016
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		May 24, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 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 5118	Related bill	Apr 29, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

## **Solidifying Habitual and Institutional Explanations of Liability and Defenses Act of 2016 or the SHIELD Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) guidelines or general statements of policy related either to unfair methods of competition, or to unfair or deceptive acts or practices, in or affecting commerce 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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