

HR 6412

Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. (Nov 30, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 30, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 3165 | Identical bill | Jul 12, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. |

Summary (as of Nov 30, 2016)

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This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to revise requirements governing the liability of parties that are responsible for oil discharges from offshore facilities into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. Currently, responsible parties are liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million. The bill: (1) removes the cap of \$75 million on liability, and (2) makes the responsible parties liable for all covered damages. Covered damages includes damages for: (1) loss of natural resources, property, revenue, or profits; or (2) costs of providing increased public services during or after removal activities, such as fire protection.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2016:** Introduced in House
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