

HR 706

Justice Safety Valve Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 4, 2015

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Mar 16, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 5, 2015
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 15, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 15, 2015
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jan 8, 2016
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 11, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 353	Identical bill	Feb 3, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2015)

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This bill authorizes a federal court to impose a sentence in a criminal proceeding that is below the minimum sentence required by statute if the court finds that a lower sentence is necessary to avoid violating statutory factors that the court must consider in imposing a sentence. The court must give parties to the proceeding notice of its intent to impose a lower sentence and state in writing the factors requiring such a sentence. This bill does not limit any right to appeal that would otherwise exist.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.