

HR 708

BOTS Act

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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

Name: Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 11, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Mar 2, 2015
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 28, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Nov 5, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5104	Related bill	Sep 13, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2015)

Better On-line Ticket Sales Act of 2014 or the BOTS Act

Prohibits: (1) intentionally using or selling software to circumvent a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a ticket seller's Internet website that is used by the seller to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event; or (2) selling any ticket in interstate commerce knowingly obtained in violation of such prohibition.

Treats a violation as an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act. Authorizes a person who suffers injury as a result of a violation of this Act to bring a civil action for damages plus \$1,000 for each distinct use or sale of software, or sale of a ticket, that caused such injury and reasonable attorneys' fees.

Amends the federal criminal code to prescribe criminal penalties for such an offense.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.