

HR 758

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 21, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Feb 5, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2015
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 5, 2015
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2015
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 14, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 14, 2015
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4936	Related bill	May 17, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HRES 420	Procedurally related	Sep 17, 2015: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
114 S 401	Identical bill	Feb 5, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S837)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) Amends the sanctions provisions in Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to require the court to impose an appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that has violated, or is responsible for the violation of, the rule with regard to representations to the court. Requires any sanction to compensate parties injured by the conduct in question.

Removes a provision that prohibits filing a motion for sanctions if the challenged paper, claim, defense, contention, or denial is withdrawn or appropriately corrected within 21 days after service or within another time the court sets.

Authorizes the court to impose additional sanctions, including striking the pleadings, dismissing the suit, nonmonetary directives, or penalty payments if warranted for effective deterrence.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Rule H. Res. 420 passed House.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 420. (consideration: CR H6112-6121)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 348 and H.R. 758. The resolution provides for one hour debate on H.R. 348 and H.R. 758. The resolution provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 758.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H6118)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Ms. DelBene moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on the Judiciary. (consideration: CR H6118-6119; text: CR H6119)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DelBene motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a new section at the end of the bill pertaining to Protecting Equal Pay for Women.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H6119)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 179 - 239 (Roll no. 500).
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 185 (Roll no. 501).(text: CR H6112)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 185 (Roll no. 501). (text: CR H6112)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 420 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 348 and H.R. 758. The resolution provides for one hour debate on H.R. 348 and H.R. 758. The resolution provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules.
- **Sep 8, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-246.
- **Sep 8, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 187.
- **May 14, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 14, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 13.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Discharged.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.