

## HR 1118

Innocent Sellers Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Mar 6, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Mar 26, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Innocent Sellers Fairness Act**

This bill exempts a seller from liability for personal injury, monetary loss, or damage to property arising out of an accident or transaction involving a seller's products during the regular course of trade or business, unless the claimant proves that the seller:

- was the manufacturer or participated in the design or installation of the product;
- altered, modified, or expressly warranted the product in a manner not authorized by the manufacturer;
- had actual knowledge of the defect in the product as a result of a recall from the manufacturer or governmental entity authorized to make such recall or actual inspection at the time the seller sold the product to the claimant;
- had actual knowledge of the defect in the product at the time the seller supplied the product;
- intentionally altered or modified a product warranty, warning, or instruction from the manufacturer in a way not authorized by the manufacturer; or
- knowingly made a false representation about an aspect of the product not authorized by the manufacturer.

The bill limits the seller's liability to the personal injury, monetary loss, or damage to property directly caused by such activity where a claimant proves one or more of such activities was negligent.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Feb 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 16, 2017:** 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.