

HR 1521

Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 13, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2017)

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This bill amends the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to: (1) cover debt owed to a state, and (2) specify that existing limits on civil damages awarded for abusive practices by a debt collector shall be adjusted for inflation.

A court may award injunctive relief for violations of the Act.

The Department of the Treasury may not contract with any debt collector or other private party to recoup overpayments of disaster assistance made to an individual or household by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2017:** Introduced in House
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