

HR 1795

DUE PROCESS Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Mar 30, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 30, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Apr 12, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jul 19, 2017
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jul 27, 2017
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Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Aug 25, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2017
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 398	Related bill	Feb 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

DUE PROCESS Act of 2017 or the Deterring Undue Enforcement by Protecting Rights Of Citizens from Excessive Searches and Seizures Act of 2017

This bill amends the federal criminal code to revise provisions related to federal civil forfeiture cases. Specifically, the bill:

- raises the evidentiary standard in such cases from preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence;
- with respect to property owners who are indigent, provides for the appointment of counsel;
- provides for recovery of attorney's fees with respect to settled claims in which the claimant prevails;
- adds notice requirements; and
- expedites and otherwise modifies certain procedures.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) must: (1) annually audit federal civil forfeiture cases, and (2) establish a publicly available database with respect to seizures in such cases.

Finally, the bill amends the federal judicial code to authorize DOJ to use amounts from the DOJ Assets Forfeiture Fund to pay for costs associated with a seized animal, including transportation, shelter, care, veterinary services, and humane euthanasia.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and 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.