

S 1812

Consolidation Prevention and Competition Promotion Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Clayton Act to revise merger requirements. Specifically, the bill:

- prohibits a merger that materially (currently, substantially) lessens competition in more than a de minimis amount or tends to create a monopsony (a market situation in which there is only one buyer),
- shifts the burden of proof to the merging companies that their consolidation will not harm competition,
- requires companies that enter into a settlement agreement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or Department of Justice regarding a merger to report information that allows the agencies to assess the competitive impact of the merger, and
- establishes the Office of the Competition Advocate within the FTC.

Actions Timeline

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