

## HR 2495

Stop Online Booking Scams Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection. (May 19, 2017)

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Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Oct 12, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Oct 16, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">115 S 1164</a>	Identical bill	<b>May 17, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3017; text of measure as introduced: CR S3016-3017)

## Summary (as of May 17, 2017)

### Stop Online Booking Scams Act of 2017

This bill prohibits third-party online hotel reservation sellers from charging a consumer's credit card or financial accounts in an Internet transaction for a hotel unless they disclose: (1) a description of the offered good or service, the cost, and other material terms before the conclusion of the transaction; (2) that the third-party seller is not affiliated with the hotel owner or an entity that provides the hotel services or accommodations; (3) that the third-party seller is not an exhibition organizer, a meeting planner, or the official housing bureau for an event at the hotel; and (4) the brand identity of the third party online or over the phone.

The bill provides authority to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and states to enforce against violations.

The bill also expresses the sense of Congress that the FTC should revise its website to make it easier for consumers and businesses to report complaints of deceptive practices with respect to online booking of hotel reservations.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **May 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.