

HR 2539

Quiet Communities Act of 2017

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Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 18, 2017
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 20, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3385	Related bill	Aug 23, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of May 18, 2017)

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This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reestablish an Office of Noise Abatement and Control and reauthorizes the office's activities through FY2022.

The responsibilities of the office must include: (1) promoting the development of effective state and local noise control programs, (2) carrying out a national noise control research program, (3) carrying out a national noise environmental assessment program, (4) establishing regional technical assistance centers to assist state and local noise control programs, (5) assessing the effectiveness of the Noise Control Act of 1972, and (6) conducting related outreach and educational activities. The office must emphasize noise abatement approaches that rely on local and state activities, market incentives, and coordination with other agencies.

Using funds made available to the office, the EPA must carry out a study of airport noise.

The bill amends the Noise Control Act of 1972 to expand the quiet communities grant program to include grants for establishing and implementing training programs on use of noise abatement equipment and implementing noise abatement plans.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **May 18, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.