

S 2559

Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Mar 15, 2018

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 115-261. (Oct 9, 2018)

Law: 115-261 (Enacted Oct 9, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2559>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 9, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 9, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 9, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 21, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 21, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 15, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 25, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 9, 2018)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends federal copyright law to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (Marrakesh Treaty).

Specifically, it modifies the limitations and exceptions to federal copyright infringement that allow published works to be reproduced and distributed in accessible formats for individuals with print disabilities. The bill:

- makes such limitations and exceptions applicable only to activities in the United States,
- broadens the scope of published works that may be reproduced and distributed in accessible formats, and
- modifies certain terms and definitions to conform with the Marrakesh Treaty.

Additionally, the bill adds a new section to allow published works in accessible formats to be exported and imported for individuals with print disabilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 9, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-261.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H8838)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. Goodlatte asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H8838)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H8838)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 3, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 3, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 29, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4810-4811; text: CR S4810-4811)
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4810-4811; text: CR S4810-4811)
- **Jun 6, 2018:** Star Print ordered on report 115-261.
- **Jun 4, 2018:** By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-261.
- **Jun 4, 2018:** An errata sheet on written report No. 115-261 was printed.
- **May 15, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley without amendment. Without written report.
- **May 15, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 414.
- **May 10, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1766)