

HR 2595

Strengthening the Department of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		May 23, 2017
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jun 13, 2017
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 14, 2017
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Dec 12, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3478	Related bill	Sep 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 S 1208	Identical bill	Dec 22, 2017: Held at the desk.

Strengthening the Department of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative Act

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide for an option under which a person to whom a document is sent under the Secure Mail Initiative may elect to have the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) use the Hold for Pickup service or the Signature Confirmation service in delivering the document.

DHS shall require payment of a fee for such services, which shall be deposited into the Immigration Examinations Fee Account and used to cover DHS and USPS costs of providing such services. The USPS: (1) may promulgate regulations that minimize such costs and do not require it to incur additional expenses that are not recoverable, and (2) shall notify DHS of any changes to such services.

If DHS determines that substantially similar services offered by a private carrier would provide better service and value than the USPS services, it may discontinue use of the USPS services and enter into a contract with the private carrier.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **May 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.