

## HR 3409

### Anti-Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**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. (Jul 28, 2017)

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## Sponsor

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

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Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 23, 2017
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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 24, 2017
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Dec 11, 2017
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Dec 11, 2017
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Dec 20, 2017
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Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jan 5, 2018
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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Mar 29, 2018
Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]	R · IN		May 3, 2018
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 3, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		May 7, 2018
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		May 10, 2018
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		May 16, 2018
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		May 16, 2018
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 10, 2018
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Nov 14, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3	Related bill	Dec 3, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Summary (as of Jul 26, 2017)

### Anti-Pyramid Scheme Act of 2017

This bill amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to make it unlawful for any person to establish, operate, or promote a pyramid promotional scheme. "Pyramid promotional scheme" means any plan or operation in which individuals pay consideration for the right to receive compensation that is based upon recruiting other individuals into the plan or operation rather than primarily related to the sale of products or services to ultimate users.

Furthermore, any person who establishes, operates, or promotes any plan or operation which sells or solicits the sale of consumer products or services in the home or otherwise outside of a permanent retail establishment, and which sells products or services to independent salespeople, shall have a bona fide inventory repurchase agreement.

A violation of the bill shall be treated under the Act as an unfair or deceptive act or practice in, or affecting, commerce.

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- Jul 26, 2017: Introduced in House
- Jul 26, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.