

## HR 3661

HABS Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Aug 18, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment. (May 22, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3661>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 6, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Aug 18, 2017)

#### Harmful Algal Blooms Solutions Act of 2017 or the HABS Act of 2017

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to establish an award program to give prizes for achievement in developing innovative, environmentally safe technologies and practices for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms in the following categories: (1) large-scale physical removal of algal biomass; (2) removal of, or rendering harmless, harmful algal bloom toxins; (3) reduction of available nutrients that fuel harmful algal blooms; or (4) real-time monitoring of harmful algal blooms and early-warning systems.

The bill establishes within Commerce the HABS Fund for carrying out the competitions.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Aug 18, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 18, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.