

HR 3800

Mandatory Minimum Reform Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Sep 28, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Aug 24, 2018
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 28, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Mandatory Minimum Reform Act of 2017

This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to eliminate most drug offense mandatory minimum prison terms imposed on a defendant who imports, exports, manufactures, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Additionally, it eliminates drug offense mandatory minimum prison terms for simple possession, distribution to an individual under age 21 by an individual at least age 18, distribution or manufacture in a school zone, and use of an individual under age 18 to distribute.

Finally, the bill requires prior written approval of the Attorney General to prosecute a defendant for certain drug offenses that involve low-level drug quantities (e.g., less than one kilogram of heroin or less than 500 grams of cocaine-based substances).

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Sep 15, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 14, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 14, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

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