

HR 426

Protecting Lives Using Surplus Equipment Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness. (Feb 21, 2017)

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| Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8] | R · WA | | Apr 28, 2017 |
| Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32] | R · TX | | Apr 28, 2017 |
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| Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6] | R · IN | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5] | R · PA | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25] | R · TX | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8] | R · WI | | May 18, 2017 |
| Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16] | R · PA | | May 18, 2017 |
| Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11] | R · MI | | May 18, 2017 |
| Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11] | R · NY | | May 19, 2017 |
| Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8] | R · MI | | May 25, 2017 |
| Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3] | R · NJ | | Feb 26, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 21, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 6, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 1087 | Related bill | May 10, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

Summary (as of Jan 10, 2017)

Protecting Lives Using Surplus Equipment Act of 2017

This bill invalidates any regulation, rule, guidance, recommendation, or policy issued after May 15, 2015, that limits the sale or donation of excess federal property to state and local law enforcement agencies unless enacted by Congress.

Additionally, it prohibits the use of federal funds to implement such regulation, rule, guidance, recommendation, or policy.

Property that was recalled or seized on or after May 15, 2015, must be returned, replaced, or reissued to the state or local law enforcement agency.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Feb 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.