

HR 4787

Great Lakes Oil Spill Prevention Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 12, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2018
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Great Lakes Oil Spill Prevention Act

This bill establishes requirements for petroleum pipelines that cross the navigable waters of the Great Lakes system.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation must meet certain reporting requirements regarding Great Lakes pipelines.

Owners and operators of Great Lakes pipelines must:

- adhere to certain maintenance standards,
- perform certain safety tests,
- report on violations of the standards and correct violations by specified deadlines,
- repair corroded pipelines and ensure that the pipelines cease to transmit petroleum until they are repaired, and
- replace aging pipelines by specified deadlines.

The bill establishes civil penalties for a delay in correcting violations, a failure to report violations, and a failure to meet a deadline to replace aging pipes.

The bill increases the liability of pipeline operators or owners who are responsible for discharges of oil pollution from pipelines into the Great Lakes. Responsible parties must establish and maintain evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to meet the maximum amount of liability to which the party may be subjected.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.