

## HR 5505

### Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Apr 13, 2018

**Current Status:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Lance asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered a

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5505>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]

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

#### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		May 7, 2018

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2018

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2644	Identical bill	Apr 26, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.
115 HR 5476	Identical bill	Apr 11, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Apr 13, 2018)

### Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

This bill sets forth requirements and limitations with respect to the removal from office of a special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or of another official appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of independence from the Department of Justice (DOJ) chain of command.

Specifically, a special counsel or other appointed official:

- may only be removed by the Attorney General or the most senior Senate-confirmed DOJ official, in certain circumstances;
- may only be removed for misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause;
- must be provided written notice that specifies the reason for removal; and
- may file an action to challenge the removal not later than 10 days after notice was provided.

### Actions Timeline

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