

HR 5505

Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

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Chamber: House

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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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