

HR 5642

Restoring and Improving Merger Enforcement Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Apr 26, 2018

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law. (May 22, 2018)

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2018)

Restoring and Improving Merger Enforcement Act of 2018

This bill revises the standard for determining whether a proposed corporate acquisition would substantially lessen competition. Specifically, the bill establishes that a court may consider a claim that the acquisition would increase efficiency only if such increased efficiency (1) is verifiable, (2) could not be accomplished without the acquisition, and (3) would promote competition. The bill also places the burden of proof on the defendant claiming that increased efficiency will eliminate the substantial lessening of competition that would result from the proposed acquisition.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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