

## HR 5975

### Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 25, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Fi

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. (May 25, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5975>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]

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

#### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]           | R · UT        |      | May 25, 2018 |
| Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]      | R · FL        |      | May 25, 2018 |
| Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]        | R · WI        |      | May 25, 2018 |
| Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]     | R · NJ        |      | May 25, 2018 |
| Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]     | R · AK        |      | May 25, 2018 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8] | R · PA        |      | Oct 23, 2018 |

#### Committee Activity

| Committee                                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee             | House   | Referred To | May 25, 2018 |
| Financial Services Committee              | House   | Referred To | May 25, 2018 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House   | Referred To | May 25, 2018 |
| Small Business Committee                  | House   | Referred To | May 25, 2018 |
| Ways and Means Committee                  | House   | Referred To | May 25, 2018 |

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 115 S 526   | Related bill   | Dec 20, 2018: By Senator Risch from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 115-452. |
| 115 S 3256  | Related bill   | Jul 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 115 S 2873  | Identical bill | May 17, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 115 S 484   | Related bill   | Sep 12, 2017: Held at the desk.  |
| 115 S 154   | Related bill   | Aug 2, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 194.                                     |
| 115 HR 2056 | Related bill   | Jul 25, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.      |
| 115 HR 1366 | Related bill   | May 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.                                  |

## Summary (as of May 25, 2018)

### Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

This bill provides for various support for Puerto Rico, including by (1) establishing tax benefits for Puerto Rico, such as a tax credit for employment payroll taxes and an expansion of the child tax credit; (2) relaxing certain requirements related to Small Business Administration loan programs for certain Puerto Rico businesses; (3) prioritizing the transfer of surplus U.S. government property to qualified Puerto Rico businesses; and (4) establishing the Federal and State Technology Partnership Program in Puerto Rico.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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.