

HR 6194

REAL Reform Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jun 26, 2018
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Aug 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 27, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1174	Related bill	Mar 8, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## Real Estate Assets and Leasing Reform Act of 2018 or REAL Reform Act of 2018

This bill modifies requirements with respect to leases for federal buildings.

Specifically, the bill:

- directs the General Services Administration (GSA) to establish, and operate through 2023, a pilot program to execute lease agreements using alternative procedures;
- temporarily authorizes the GSA to submit consolidated prospectuses for leases and projects to Congress for approval;
- requires approval by congressional resolution of an appropriation for any costs and expenses associated with administering an acquisition by exchange involving real property or in-kind consideration valued at or over a specified amount;
- sets a specified limitation regarding bargain-price purchase options;
- requires certain public buildings containing a public restroom to also contain a lactation room;
- authorizes the Department of Commerce to release the federal government's interest in certain economic adjustment grants; and
- requires the GSA to provide specified additional notice and justification to Congress regarding certain projects.

The Government Accountability Office must conduct biennial audits of the GSA National Broker Contract and a review of the application of certain enhanced competition requirements.

The GSA must sell or exchange part of the Department of Energy (DOE) Forrestal complex to fund the construction of a new DOE headquarters.

In addition, the bill allows the Department of Homeland Security to authorize and train security personnel contracted to protect certain federal buildings or grounds to carry firearms and, under specified circumstances, detain individuals without a warrant.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 27, 2018:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 25, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 22, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.