

## HR 762

### Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. (Jan 31, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]

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

## Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 14, 2017
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Aug 7, 2018
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Aug 7, 2018
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Aug 7, 2018
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Aug 28, 2018
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Aug 28, 2018
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Aug 28, 2018
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 5, 2018
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 5, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Sep 7, 2018
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Sep 12, 2018
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Sep 12, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 12, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2018
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Sep 20, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 20, 2018
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2018
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Sep 25, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 31, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 31, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 258	Identical bill	Feb 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2017**

This bill allows a beneficiary of a Holocaust-era life, dowry, education, annuity, property, or other insurance policy to bring a civil action in a U.S. district court against the insurer for the covered policy to recover proceeds due or, otherwise, to enforce any rights under the policy.

The bill covers any policy that was: (1) in effect at any time from January 31, 1933, to December 31, 1945; and (2) issued to a policy holder domiciled in any area that was occupied or controlled by Nazi Germany, an ally or friendly government, or the territorial jurisdiction of Switzerland.

The bill requires the award: (1) to a prevailing beneficiary of the amount of the proceeds due under the policy, plus prejudgment interest at 6% per year, compounded annually, calculated from the date the amount was originally due; and (2) of treble damages against any insurer that acted in bad faith.

A civil action under this bill must be filed within 10 years after enactment of this bill.

A prior judgment or release entered for any claim arising under a covered policy in any civil action in a federal or state court shall not impair a claim brought under this bill.

Any executive agreement between the United States and a foreign government or any executive foreign policy of the U.S. government shall not supercede or preempt any state law or compromise, settle, extinguish, waive, preclude, bar, or foreclose any claim brought under this bill.

A claim brought under state law within 10 years after enactment of this bill shall not be deemed untimely on the basis of any state or federal statute of limitations or on the basis of any other legal or equitable rule or doctrine governing timeliness.

## **Actions Timeline**

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