

## HR 1574

Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Apr 8, 2019)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 S 3985</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 1, 2021:</b> Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S7995)
<a href="#">116 HR 7278</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 18, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Budget, 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.
<a href="#">116 S 2920</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 21, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 308.
<a href="#">116 S 2843</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6569)
<a href="#">116 HR 1585</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 10, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 66.
<a href="#">116 S 855</a>	Identical bill	<b>Mar 25, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2019)

### Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019

This bill makes it unlawful for a federal law enforcement officer to engage in a sexual act while acting under color of law or with an individual who is under arrest, in detention, or in custody.

Consent is not a defense to prosecution for unlawful conduct. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to states that have in effect similar laws. Grants must be used for the same purposes as formula grants under the STOP Violence Against Women Program and the Sexual Assault Services Program.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.