

HR 2517

United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act

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Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Hill, Katie [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Oct 22, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Apr 7, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 3, 2019)

United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act

This bill authorizes the mailing of alcoholic beverages by a covered entity in accordance with the delivery requirements otherwise applicable to a privately carried shipment. *Covered entity* is defined as an entity (including a winery, brewery, or beverage distilled spirits plant, or other wholesale, distributor, or retailer of alcoholic beverages) that has registered with, obtained a permit from, or obtained approval of an application from the Department of the Treasury pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act or the Internal Revenue Code provisions regarding alcohol, tobacco, and certain other excise taxes.

The bill directs the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to prescribe regulations: (1) requiring such mailing to be through a means that ensures direct delivery to a duly authorized agent at a postal facility or to the addressee, who must be at least 21 years of age and present a valid, government-issued photo identification at the time of delivery; (2) prohibiting such alcoholic beverages from being for resale or any other commercial purpose; and (3) requiring such covered entity to certify that the mailing is not in violation of applicable laws or regulations and to provide other information as directed by the USPS, including with respect to the prepayment of state alcohol beverage taxes.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.