

HR 5403

Courthouse Dogs Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Jan 28, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 4, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1029	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Dec 11, 2019)

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This bill authorizes federal courts to allow a certified facility dog to accompany a witness testifying in a criminal proceeding.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 28, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.