

HR 7020

COVID Justice and Accountability Act

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 26, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 26, 2020)

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This bill provides a cause of action for harm suffered as a result of a violation of certain federal laws relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and suspends certain predispute arbitration agreements and joint-action waivers during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Specifically, individuals may bring a cause of action in U.S. district court against any person for harm suffered as a result of a violation of, or a failure to comply with, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) or the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Further, during the COVID-19 public health emergency period and 180 days thereafter, no predispute arbitration agreement or joint-action waiver (an agreement to waive the right to participate in a joint, class, or collective action) is valid or enforceable with respect to employment, consumer, antitrust, or civil rights disputes.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2020:** Introduced in House
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