

## HR 903

Sunset Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. (Mar 25, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2019
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill revises requirements governing congressional review of agency rules. Before implementing a new rule, agencies must (1) report to the Government Accountability Office on their rules, and (2) obtain congressional approval of the rule. The bill redefines *rule* to exclude (1) a rule of particular applicability (e.g., a rule that approves corporate or financial structures); (2) a rule relating to agency management or personnel; or (3) a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of nonagency parties.

This bill permits judicial review of whether an agency has completed the necessary requirements for a rule to take effect.

The bill terminates an agency rule 10 years after it was approved by Congress. The President may exempt a rule from termination if such rule is (1) necessary because of an imminent threat to health or safety or other emergency, for the enforcement of criminal law, or for national security; or (2) issued to implement an international trade agreement.

The bill also requires each agency, each year for 10 years, to designate for review at least 10% of all agency rules in effect on the enactment date of this bill. Further, the bill terminates any agency rule that is in effect on the enactment date of this bill but that was not extended by Congress during the 10 years subsequent to such enactment date.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.