

S 1656

Small Business Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7033	Related bill	Mar 9, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.

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This bill modifies various tax enforcement procedures and requirements that affect small businesses and other taxpayers.

The bill modifies requirements regarding

- awarding costs and fees to small businesses for administrative and court proceedings,
- the amounts of damages and penalties that are allowed for violating various tax laws,
- dispute resolution and appeal procedures,
- enforcing liens against principal residences,
- terminating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employees for misconduct,
- reviews by the Department of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and
- the release of an IRS levy due to economic hardship for business taxpayers.

The bill also

- allows a tax deduction for a portion of a taxpayer's expenses for certain audits,
- prohibits ex parte communications between officers in the IRS Independent Office of Appeals and other IRS employees with respect to matters pending before the officers,
- establishes a 10-year term for the National Taxpayer Advocate, and
- repeals the requirement to submit a partial payment with an offer-in-compromise to settle a tax liability.

Actions Timeline

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