

HR 4130

American Music Fairness Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jan 20, 2022
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 4, 2022
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Dec 1, 2022
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 27, 2022
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Dec 27, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 30, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4932	Identical bill	Sep 22, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4972)

Summary (as of Dec 30, 2022)

American Music Fairness Act of 2022

This bill establishes that the copyright holder of a sound recording shall have the exclusive right to perform the sound recording through an audio transmission and addresses other related issues. (Currently, the public performance right only covers performances through a digital audio transmission in certain instances, which means that nonsubscription terrestrial radio stations generally do not have to secure a license to publicly perform a copyright-protected sound recording.)

Under the bill, a nonsubscription broadcast transmission must have a license to publicly perform such sound recordings. The Copyright Royalty Board must periodically determine the royalty rates for such a license. When determining the rates, the board must base its decision on certain information presented by the parties, including the radio stations' effect on other streams of revenue related to the sound recordings.

Terrestrial broadcast stations (and the owners of such stations) that fall below certain revenue thresholds may pay certain flat fees, instead of the board-established rate, for a license to publicly perform copyright-protected sound recordings.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 30, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-693.
- **Dec 30, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 509.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 16, 2022:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Nadler asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 4130, a bill originally introduced by Representative Deutch, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.