

S 4577

Clear and Concise Content Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 21, 2022

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 8, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 22, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the use of plain writing when the federal government provides information about benefits and services.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must rescind outdated guidance and issue new guidance for the creation, maintenance, and use of covered content at agencies.

Covered content means any content that is necessary for obtaining a federal benefit or service or for filing taxes or that provides information about

- such benefit or service;
- federal agency operations, policies, or guidance of material importance to, and posted publicly by, the agency;
- how to interact with or provide feedback to an agency regarding its operations, policies, or guidance; or
- how to navigate or interact with an agency website, digital service, or office.

The OMB must report annually to Congress on this bill's implementation and may make such reports available on a public website. Each agency must ensure compliance.

The bill incorporates plain writing requirements into statutory provisions pertaining to new websites and digital services.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7038-7040; text: CR S7039-7040)
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with amendments. With written report No. 117-159.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 502.
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.