

HR 5017

Open App Markets Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jan 19, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7030	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
117 S 2710	Identical bill	Feb 17, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 275.

Open App Markets Act

This bill establishes rules related to the operation of an app store by a covered company (i.e., the owner or controller of an app store with more than 50 million U.S. users).

An app is a software application or electronic service that may be run or directed by a user on a computer or mobile device. An app store is a publicly available website, software application, or other electronic service that distributes apps from third-party developers to users.

The bill prohibits a covered company from (1) requiring developers to use an in-app payment system owned or controlled by the company as a condition of distribution or accessibility, (2) requiring that pricing or conditions of sale be equal to or more favorable on its app store than another app store, or (3) taking punitive action against a developer for using or offering different pricing terms or conditions of sale through another in-app payment system or on another app store.

A covered company may not interfere with legitimate business communications between developers and users, use non-public business information from a third-party app to compete with the app, or unreasonably prefer or rank its own apps (or those of its business partners) over other apps.

The bill provides for enforcement of its provisions by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, as well as through suits brought by developers that are injured by reason of anything forbidden under the bill.

Actions Timeline

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