

HR 5455

Terry Technical Correction Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Nov 30, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Sep 30, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 29, 2022
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 30, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2914	Identical bill	Sep 30, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill broadens the scope of crack cocaine offenders who are eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act of 2018.

The First Step Act made the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 retroactive and authorized sentencing reductions for certain crack cocaine offenders convicted and sentenced before the Fair Sentencing Act became effective. Under current law, crack cocaine offenders whose conduct triggered a mandatory minimum sentence are eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act. However, in 2021, the Supreme Court held in *Terry v. United States* that low-level crack cocaine offenders whose conduct did not trigger a mandatory minimum sentence are not eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act.

This bill extends eligibility for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act to all crack cocaine offenders convicted and sentenced before the Fair Sentencing Act became effective, including low-level offenders whose conduct did not trigger a mandatory minimum sentence.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-586.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 425.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Mr. Nadler moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8625-8629)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5455.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8644-8645)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 307 - 101 (Roll no. 488).
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- **Nov 29, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.