

HR 565

South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Feb 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8] | R · FL | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9] | D · FL | | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6] | R · FL | | Feb 5, 2021 |
| Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26] | R · FL | | Feb 18, 2021 |
| Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12] | R · FL | | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | R · FL | | Mar 2, 2021 |
| Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17] | R · FL | | May 7, 2021 |
| Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7] | D · FL | | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10] | D · FL | | Oct 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19] | R · FL | | Mar 7, 2022 |
| Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16] | R · FL | | May 10, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 22, 2021 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 28, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 66 | Identical bill | Jun 16, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-144. |

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This bill addresses harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in the South Florida ecosystem. An algal bloom is a rapid growth of algae that may create toxic or hypoxic (severely low-oxygen) conditions that are harmful to humans, animals, aquatic ecosystems, and the economy.

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia must assess potential approaches to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in the ecosystem. The task force must also submit a plan, based on the assessment, for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in the region.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.