

## HR 615

### Keeping the Lights On Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/615>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4] | D · NV        |      | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]     | R · PA        |      | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]  | D · CA        |      | Jan 28, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Small Business Committee | House   | Referred To | Jan 28, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | Jan 28, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill allows an eligible employer a payroll tax credit equal to 50% of a limited amount of qualified fixed expenses paid by such employer in a calendar quarter. *Qualified fixed expenses* include a mortgage, rent, or a utility payment.

An employer is eligible for such payroll credit if the employer was carrying on a trade or business that had not more than 1,500 full-time employees or not more than \$41.5 million in gross receipts in 2019. The employer's business must have been suspended in a calendar quarter due to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and have experienced a significant decline in gross receipts due to that pandemic.

The credit may not be claimed by the federal government or by any state or tribal government, or by U.S. possessions, but may be claimed by tax-exempt organizations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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