

## HR 6266

AMICUS Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Nov 1, 2022)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 13, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7426	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 S 4010	Related bill	<b>Apr 6, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 3385	Identical bill	<b>Dec 14, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Assessing Monetary Influence in the Courts of the United States Act or the AMICUS Act**

This bill requires certain disclosures in relation to amicus briefs (i.e., briefs that are filed by those who are not a party to a case but have an interest in the case).

Specifically, each amicus brief that is filed in a U.S. court of appeals or the Supreme Court must list the name of any person who contributed (1) to the preparation or submission of the brief, (2) at least 3% of the gross annual revenue of the entity filing the brief for the previous year, or (3) more than \$100,000 in the previous year to the filer. Such requirements do not apply to routine commercial transactions that are unrelated to amicus brief filings.

The bill also prohibits those who file amicus briefs from giving gifts or providing travel to a judge of a U.S. court of appeals or a justice of the Supreme Court, except for reimbursements for travel expenses in relation to law school appearances.

Violators are subject to civil penalties.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.