

HR 7300

Dark Web Interdiction Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 30, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 15, 2022
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2022
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 30, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3782	Related bill	Mar 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill establishes enhanced criminal penalties for distributing controlled substances via the dark web. It also establishes other programs and requirements to address the use of the dark web for illicit drug activities. (*Dark web* means the portions of the internet with hidden sites and services that (1) are not generally searchable, and (2) can only be accessed with specialized devices or services that conceal the identities and locations of users.)

Specifically, the bill provides an enhanced criminal penalty for delivering, distributing, or dispensing controlled substances via the dark web.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the Joint Criminal Opioid and Darknet Enforcement Task Force, which supports the investigation and prosecution of drug offenses committed via the dark web domestically and internationally. In addition, the Department of Justice must report on how and to what extent virtual currencies are used for opioid distribution via the dark web.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 31, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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.