

## HR 7799

Public Servant Protection Act of 2022

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** May 17, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7799>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jun 9, 2022
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 17, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Public Servant Protection Act of 2022

This bill allows government officials to demand that persons and interactive computer service providers (e.g., social media companies) remove certain forms of their personal information from the internet.

Specifically, a federal, state, territorial, tribal, or local government official may make a demand in writing for the removal of the official's (or an immediate family member's) home address or home phone number that is publicly displayed online.

Within 48 hours of receiving a demand, a person displaying the address or phone number online must remove it and may not publicly display a removed address or phone number online during the 4-year period following receipt of the demand.

A provider must also remove within 48 hours of receiving a demand the address or phone number publicly displayed through its service.

Officials may sue a person or provider for failing to remove an applicable address or phone number. Courts may award to an aggrieved official injunctive relief, the greater of actual damages or \$1,000, and reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 17, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, and the Judiciary, 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.