

HR 1062

EQUAL Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 24, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		May 9, 2023
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		May 9, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 15, 2024
Rep. Chavez-DeRemer, Lori [R-OR-5]	R · OR		Feb 15, 2024
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 25, 2024
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2024
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Nov 14, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 17, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 524	Identical bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Feb 17, 2023)

Eliminating a Quantifiably Unjust Application of the Law Act or the EQUAL Act

This bill eliminates the federal sentencing disparity between drug offenses involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

Currently, different threshold quantities of crack cocaine and powder cocaine (e.g., 28 grams of crack cocaine and 500 grams of powder cocaine) trigger the same statutory criminal penalties.

This bill eliminates the lower quantity thresholds for crack cocaine offenses. Under the bill, the same threshold quantities of crack cocaine and powder cocaine trigger the same statutory criminal penalties.

The change applies to future cases and cases pending on the date of enactment. With respect to past cases, the bill authorizes resentencing of a defendant who was convicted or sentenced for a crack cocaine offense before the date of enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 17, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.