

HR 1505

No Stolen Trademarks Honored in America Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Mar 9, 2023

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Law: 118-137 (Enacted Dec 1, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1505>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-48]

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

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| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6] | R · FL | | Mar 14, 2023 |
| Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-26] | R · FL | | Apr 25, 2023 |
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| Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1] | R · FL | | May 16, 2023 |
| Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7] | R · TN | | May 16, 2023 |
| Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14] | R · PA | | May 16, 2023 |
| Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-18] | R · FL | | May 17, 2023 |
| Rep. Lee, Laurel M. [R-FL-15] | R · FL | | May 17, 2023 |
| Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28] | R · FL | | May 18, 2023 |
| Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15] | D · NY | | May 18, 2023 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9] | D · FL | | May 22, 2023 |
| Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24] | D · FL | | May 22, 2023 |
| Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6] | R · VA | | May 23, 2023 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7] | D · PA | | May 24, 2023 |
| Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23] | D · FL | | Jul 18, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House | Reported By | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Nov 20, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 S 746 | Identical bill | Mar 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2024)

No Stolen Trademarks Honored in America Act of 2023

This act modifies the bar against U.S. courts enforcing or validating trademarks that were confiscated by the Cuban government.

The act prohibits U.S. courts and executive branch agencies from enforcing or validating such confiscated trademarks if the mark has been used in connection with a confiscated business or asset. Currently, the prohibition is limited to U.S. courts and applies only if the confiscated trademark is being asserted in the United States by a Cuban national.

Under the act, the prohibition shall not apply if the original trademark owner, or a successor, has expressly consented to the enforcement action.

The prohibition shall apply only if the entity asserting the trademark rights knew or should have known, when it acquired the rights, that the mark was the same or substantially similar to one connected to a confiscated business or asset.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 1, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-137.
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6638)
- **Nov 14, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5676-5677)
- **Nov 13, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1505.
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5676)
- **Nov 13, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5676)
- **Nov 13, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 118-232.
- **Sep 29, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 188.
- **May 24, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.