

## HR 3587

Dark Web Interdiction Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** May 22, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** 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. (May 22, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1728	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Dark Web Interdiction Act

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

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