

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee approves FTC overhaul bills

The bills include H.R. \_\_\_\_, **the FTC Process and Transparency Reform Act**, which contains eight process and transparency reform bills:

- [H.R. 5093, the Technological Innovation through Modernizing Enforcement \(TIME\) Act](#) - sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX);
- [H.R. 5097, the Start Taking Action on Lingerin Liabilities \(STALL\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN);
- [H.R. 5098, the FTC Robust Elderly Protections and Organizational Requirements to Track Scams Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL);
- [H.R. 5109, the Clarifyin Legality and Enforcement Action Reasonin \(CLEAR\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY);
- [H.R. 5115, the Statement on Unfairness Reinforcement and Emphasis Act \(SURE\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK);
- [H.R. 5116, the Freein Responsible and Effective Exchanges \(FREE\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX);
- [H.R. 5118, the Solidifyin Habitual and Institutional Explanations of Liability and Defenses \(SHIELD\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS); and
- [H.R. 5136, the Revealin Economic Conclusions for Suggestions \(RECS\) Act](#) - sponsored by Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS).

According to the subcommittee, the legislation will modernize the FTC by introducing additional transparency and help clarify the analysis supporting consumer protection enforcement to promote investment and innovation. BNA reports that the legislation, “would place an eight-year cap on FTC consent orders, automatically terminate investigations that are inactive for six months, and clarify the scope of the commission's power to stop “unfair” business practices, among other provisions.”

We’ll keep an eye on this and report back when the legislation reaches the Full Committee for a mark-up, and beyond.