



NATIONAL CONFERENCE *of* STATE LEGISLATURES

The Forum for America's Ideas

H.R. 3713, the “Sentencing Reform Act of 2015”

Actions:

10/8/2015:

Referred to House Energy and Commerce

10/9/2015:

Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

This bill permits a court to reduce the mandatory minimum for prior drug offenses, reduce the three strike penalty from life in prison to twenty-five years in prison and the twenty year minimum is reduced to fifteen. This bill also clarifies that the enhanced mandatory minimum sentence for using a firearm during a crime of violence or drug crime is limited to offenders who have previously been convicted and served a sentence for such an offense. The bill also reduces that enhanced mandatory minimum from 25 years to 15 years. H.R.3713 also increases the statutory maximum for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and certain other offenders from ten to fifteen years. There will also be new mandatory minimums for interstate domestic violence and certain export of control substances.