**Rapid DNA Act of 2017 (HR 510 / S 139, 115th Congress)**

Establishes a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.

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for the 01/12/2017 versions of HR 510 and S 139.

### WHAT IT DOES

HR 510 and S 139 would implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, and to prevent DNA analysis backlogs. These bills are textually identical both to each other, and to the Rapid DNA Act of 2016 (S 2348, 114th Congress) (**SciPol** brief available.)

### STATUS

HR 510 was introduced in the House on January 12, 2017, and referred to the Judiciary Committee on the same date. It passed in the House on May 16, 2017, and then passed in the Senate on August 1, 2017. It was presented to the President on August 7, 2017.

S 139 was introduced in the Senate on January 12, 2017, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on the same date. It passed in the Senate on May 16, 2017.

### SPONSORS

Sponsor (HR 510): **Representative James F. Sensenbrenner, Jr.** (R-WI-5)

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- **Representative Eric Swalwell** (D-CA-15)
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Sponsor (S 139): **Senator Orrin G. Hatch** (R-UT)

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- **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA)
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