

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2631

To require notice and comment for certain interpretive rules.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Regulatory Predict-  
5 ability for Business Growth Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING NOTICE AND COMMENT FOR CERTAIN**  
7 **INTERPRETIVE RULES.**

8        Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, United States  
9 Code, is amended—

10            (1) in section 551—

11                    (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”  
12                    at the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-  
2 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(15) ‘longstanding interpretive rule’ means an  
5 interpretive rule that has been in effect for not less  
6 than 1 year; and

7 “(16) ‘revise’ means, with respect to an inter-  
8 pretive rule, altering or otherwise changing any pro-  
9 vision of a longstanding interpretive rule that con-  
10 flicts, or is in any way inconsistent with, any provi-  
11 sion in a subsequently promulgated interpretive  
12 rule.”; and

13 (2) in section 553—

14 (A) in subsection (b), following the flush  
15 text, in subparagraph (A), by striking “inter-  
16 pretative rules” and inserting “an interpretive  
17 rule of an agency, unless the interpretive rule  
18 revises a longstanding interpretive rule of the  
19 agency”; and

20 (B) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “in-  
21 terpretative rules” and inserting “an interpre-  
22 tive rule of an agency, unless the interpretive  
23 rule revises a longstanding interpretive rule of  
24 the agency, and”.

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