

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3462

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide that the Director of the Office of Government Ethics may be removed only for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SANFORD, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. VARGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Office of Government  
3 Ethics Independence Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOV-**  
5 **ERNMENT ETHICS.**

6       Section 401(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of  
7 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following: “An individual serving as Director may be  
9 removed from office only pursuant to a finding by the  
10 President of neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Not  
11 less than 30 days before the removal of a Director under  
12 this subsection, the President shall submit written notifi-  
13 cation to Congress of the intent to remove such Director  
14 and the reasons for removal.”.

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