

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 760

To amend chapter 2 of title I of the United States Code to establish the style for amending laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2013

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

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 “Readable Legislation
5 Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDING LAWS.**

7 Chapter 2 of title 1 of the United States Code is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 115. Amending laws**

2 “No Act shall be revised or amended by mere ref-
3 erence to it. Every bill or joint resolution which amends
4 an existing section, subsection, or other subdivision of any
5 Act shall set forth the section, subsection, or other subdivi-
6 sion sufficiently to enable the intent and effect of the bill
7 or joint resolution to be clearly understood. Omissions and
8 insertions proposed shall be shown by appropriate typo-
9 graphical devices.”.

10 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

11 The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2
12 of title 1 of the United States Code is amended by adding
13 after the item relating to section 114 the following new
14 item:

“115. Amending laws.”.

15 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act and the amendments made by it shall take
17 effect on January 3, 2015.

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