

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5142

To amend chapter 2 of title 1, United States Code, to establish the style
for amending laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2018

Mr. AMASH (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCKINLEY,
Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. POLIS,
Mr. JONES, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MESSER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BRAT, Mr.
TONKO, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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establish the style for amending laws.

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 2018”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title 1, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 115. Amending laws**

2 “No section of an Act shall be revised or amended
3 by mere reference to it. Every bill or joint resolution which
4 amends an existing section of any Act shall set forth the
5 entire section, showing the omissions and insertions pro-
6 posed by appropriate typographical devices.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 1, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating
10 to section 114 the following new item:

“115. Amending laws.”.

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act and the amendments made by it shall take
13 effect on January 3, 2019.

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