

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 841

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Mr. OWENS 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 “Legislative Trans-  
5 parency Act of 2011”.

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. The matter  
8 to be deleted shall be enclosed in brackets and any new  
9 matter added shall be in italics.”.

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.”.

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