I. Searching for a Legislative History Using a Citation to a Law

Using the Citation Checker feature of Legislative Insight, you can enter a law’s Public Law number, *Statutes at Large* citation, or Enacted Bill number to find the legislative history for that law.¹

- **Public Laws** – A passed bill or joint resolution that affects the public.²
- **Statutes at Large** – A compilation of all public and private laws, in order of enactment.³
- **Enacted Bill** – The bill number associated with a piece of enacted legislation.⁴

For laws not covered in the Legislative Insight database, you can search [ProQuest Congressional](http://proquest.conquest-leg-insight.com/legislativeinsight/LegislativeInsightHelp.jsp#type_publicLaws) for individual Congressional publications that may provide legislative background.

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EXAMPLE:

1. To research the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act of 1997 with the law’s Public Law number (P.L. 105-41), enter “105-41” or “PL105-41” in the first Citation Checker box, as shown below. If the legislative history is available through Legislative Insight, the Citation Checker box will be automatically updated with the other two types of citations to the law.

2. Once the citation is entered into the box, you can click on “Go to Legislative History” to view the legislative history for the law.