

COMPARISON OF "PATRIOT" PROVISIONS

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	USA PATRIOT Act	USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act (incl. Sen. Sununu's Bill, S.2271)	Sen, Specter's New PATRIOT Bill (S. 2369)
Status/Sunsets	Became law 10/26/2001.	Became law 03/09/2006.	Introduced 03/06/2006.
	16 provisions designed to sunset on 12/31/2005 (postponed to 03/10/2006).	4-year sunsets kept for PATRIOT § 206 (FISA "roving" wiretaps) and § 215 (FISA business records).	Adds 4-year sunset for NSLs.
FISA Business Records Orders (Section 215) - Legal Standard	Requires certification "that the records concerned are sought for an authorized investigation" (implicit relevance standard).	Requires "statement of facts" showing "reasonable grounds to believe" records are "relevant" to authorized investigation. Creates a legal presumption of relevance for records that satisfy 3-part test (see next column).	Under 3-part test, the records must: (1) pertain to a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power ("AFP"); (2) be relevant to the activities of a suspected AFP who is the subject of an authorized investigation, or (3) pertain to an individual in contact with a suspected AFP.
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Judicial Review of Section 215 Orders	No explicit right to judicial review of production order or non-disclosure requirement.	Explicit right to challenge both production request and "gag." But, includes "conclusive presumption" (like NSLs) and requires a 1-year waiting period for challenges to the "gag" order.	Eliminates the "conclusive presumption" and the 1-year waiting period for challenges to the non-disclosure requirement.