

S 2541

Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/2541>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 22, 2002
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 22, 2002
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		May 22, 2002
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 17, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 9, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5588	Identical bill	<b>Nov 12, 2002:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act of 2002 - Amends the Federal criminal code to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft.

Prescribes sentences of two years' imprisonment for knowingly transferring, possessing, or using, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person during and in relation to specified felony violations (including felonies relating to theft from employee benefit plans and various fraud and immigration offenses), and five years' imprisonment for knowingly taking such action during and in relation to specified felony violations pertaining to terrorist acts, in addition to the punishments provided for such felonies.

Prohibits a court from: (1) placing any person convicted of such a violation on probation; (2) reducing any sentence for the related felony to take into account the sentence imposed for such a violation; or (3) providing for concurrent terms of imprisonment for a violation of this Act and any other violation, except, in the court's discretion, an additional violation of this section.

Expands the existing identify theft prohibition to: (1) cover possession of a means of identification of another with intent to commit specified unlawful activity; (2) increase penalties for violations; and (3) include acts of domestic terrorism within the scope of a prohibition against facilitating an act of international terrorism.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 14, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 755.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information. Hearings held.
- **May 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4707-4708)
- **May 22, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4708-4709)