

S 2546

Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: May 22, 2002

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation by unanimous consent.

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation by unanimous consent. (Jun 4, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]

Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 4, 2002
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5005	Related bill	Nov 25, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-296.
107 HR 5710	Related bill	Nov 14, 2002: Received in the Senate.
107 HR 4635	Identical bill	Jul 15, 2002: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 494.
107 S 2554	Related bill	May 23, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4842-4843)

Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act - Amends Federal law to direct the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to establish a program to: (1) deputize qualified volunteer pilots of passenger aircraft as Federal flight deck officers; and (2) provide training, supervision, and equipment for such officers.

Directs the Under Secretary to authorize flight deck officers to carry firearms and to use force, including lethal force, when they judge the security of an aircraft is at risk. Shields air carriers from liability for damages in Federal or State court arising out of the actions or omissions of a flight deck officer defending a plane from criminal violence or air piracy. Shields flight deck officers from liability except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2002:** Senate Committee on Armed Services discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Jun 4, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation by unanimous consent.
- **May 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4716)
- **May 22, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4716)