

S 153

Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (May 5, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 11, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 20, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 30, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1731	Identical bill	Jul 15, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-275.

(This measure has not been amended since being introduced in the Senate on January 14, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act - 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.

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 20, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 20, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 20, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4031-4032; text as passed Senate: CR S4031-4032)
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4031-4032; text as passed Senate: CR S4031-4032)
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 8.
- **Jan 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S293-294)
- **Jan 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S294)