

## S 2719

### SAFE Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Jul 22, 2004

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8697-8701) (Jul 22, 2004)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	R · NH		Sep 15, 2004
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 15, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Safety Advancement for Employees Act of 2004 - SAFE Act - Amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) to direct the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish: (1) a program that qualifies individuals to provide consultation services to help employers identify and correct workplace safety and health hazards; and (2) an advisory committee regarding such program.

Exempts from civil penalties for one year (with a possible one-year renewal) employers who receive certificates of compliance from qualified consultants.

Requires Federal personnel responsible for enforcing OSHA to: (1) meet specified eligibility requirements; and (2) if they carry out inspections or investigations, receive professional education and training at least every five years.

Revises inspection methods.

Directs the Secretary to provide for: (1) State cooperative agreements for State consultation services for employers; (2) a three-State pilot program for expedited consultation services for small businesses; (3) employer cooperative agreements for comprehensive safety and health management systems; and (4) an employer voluntary program, with increased small business participation, for excellence in technical and managerial protection of employees from occupational hazards.

Authorizes employers to establish alcohol and substance abuse testing programs in accordance with Federal guidelines.

Authorizes the Secretary's representatives to: (1) provide technical or compliance assistance to employers in correcting a violation discovered during an inspection or investigation, without issuing citations; and (2) issue warnings in lieu of citations if violations have no significant relationship to employee safety or health or if employers act promptly in good faith to abate violations that are not willful or repeated.

Directs the Secretary to develop model material safety data sheets for a specified list of highly hazardous chemicals. Establishes the Global Harmonization Commission to consider implementation of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for hazardous communication demonstration projects.

Increases criminal penalties for willful violations of OSHA that cause a employee's death.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 22, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8696, S8701)
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