

## S 659

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4169) (Mar 20, 2003)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]

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

**Cosponsors** (54 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]         | R · TN        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]            | R · CO        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]            | R · VA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]              | D · MT        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]       | R · UT        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]     | R · MO        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]          | D · LA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]           | R · KS        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]             | R · KY        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]         | R · MT        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO] | R · CO        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]         | R · GA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]            | R · MS        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]            | R · MN        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]        | R · ME        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]             | R · TX        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]              | R · ID        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]          | R · NC        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]        | R · NM        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]         | D · ND        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]             | R · NV        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]         | R · WY        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]        | R · TN        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]          | R · SC        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]          | R · IA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]              | R · NH        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]             | R · NE        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]          | R · UT        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]    | R · TX        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]         | R · OK        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]             | D · SD        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]                 | R · AZ        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]        | D · LA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]      | D · AR        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]              | R · MS        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]         | R · KY        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]             | D · GA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]          | R · AK        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]              | D · NE        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Nickles, Don [R-OK]             | R · OK        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]              | D · NV        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |

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| Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]         | R · KS        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]       | R · PA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]       | R · AL        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]   | R · AL        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]     | R · OR        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]       | R · PA        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]         | R · AK        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]      | R · NH        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]          | R · MO        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]        | R · WY        |      | Mar 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH] | R · OH        |      | May 19, 2003 |
| Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]    | R · ME        |      | Jun 18, 2003 |
| Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]   | D · SD        |      | Sep 25, 2003 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 19, 2003 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 108 HR 1036 | Related bill | <b>Apr 10, 2003:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

### Summary (as of Mar 19, 2003)

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act - Prohibits any qualified civil liability action from being brought in any State or Federal court and requires pending actions to be dismissed. Defines such an action to: (1) include an action brought against a manufacturer or seller of a firearm, ammunition, or a component of a firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, or against a trade association of such manufacturers or sellers, for damages resulting from the criminal or unlawful misuse of a firearm; and (2) exclude an action brought against persons who transfer a firearm knowing that it will be used to commit a crime of violence or a drug trafficking crime; an action brought against a seller for negligent entrustment or negligence per se; an action in which a manufacturer or seller of a firearm willfully violated a State or Federal statute applicable to the sale or marketing of the firearm and the violation was a proximate cause of the harm for which relief is sought; an action for breach of contract or warranty in connection with the purchase of the firearm; or an action for physical injuries or property damage resulting directly from a defect in design or manufacture of the firearm when used as intended.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 20, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4169)
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3997-3998)
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3998-3999