

## S 2791

A bill to amend title 46 and 49, United States Code, to provide improved maritime, rail, and public transportation security, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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**Cosponsors** (42 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2006
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Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 11, 2006
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Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		May 11, 2006
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 11, 2006
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 11, 2006
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		May 11, 2006
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2006
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		May 11, 2006
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 11, 2006
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Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2006
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Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		May 11, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 11, 2006
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 11, 2006
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 11, 2006
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 11, 2006
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 11, 2006
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 11, 2006
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 11, 2006
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		May 11, 2006
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 11, 2006
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 11, 2006
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		May 11, 2006
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		May 11, 2006
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 11, 2006
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 11, 2006
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		May 11, 2006
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		May 11, 2006

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 27, 2006

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1052	Related bill	<b>Feb 27, 2006:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 364.
109 S 2032	Related bill	<b>Nov 17, 2005:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 299.

Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2006 - Requires the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration to submit all public transportation security assessments to the Secretary of Homeland Security to review and augment such assessments.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish and update annually security improvement priorities; (2) conduct security assessments of all public transportation agencies considered to be at greatest risk of a terrorist attack; (3) conduct security assessments to determine the specific needs of local bus-only public transportation systems and of selected rural transportation systems; and (4) use information collected to establish the process for developing security guidelines.

Directs the Secretary to award grants: (1) directly to public transportation agencies for allowable capital security improvements; and (2) to public or private entities to conduct research into, and demonstrate, methods to reduce and deter terrorist threats or mitigate damages resulting from terrorist attacks against public transportation systems.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) ensure that DOT receives timely notification of all credible terrorist threats against U.S. public transportation assets; and (2) award grants for research, development, and demonstration of technologies and methods to reduce and deter terrorist threats or mitigate damages resulting from such attacks.

Rail Security Act of 2006 - Directs the Secretary to establish a task force to complete, and make prioritized recommendations regarding, a vulnerability and risk assessment of freight and passenger rail transportation for identification of: (1) critical assets and infrastructures, and vulnerabilities and risks, to such assets and infrastructures; (2) vulnerabilities and risks specific to the transportation of hazardous materials via railroad; and (3) security weaknesses in passenger and cargo security, transportation infrastructure, protection systems, procedural policies, communications systems, employee training, emergency response planning, and any other area.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants for certain system-wide Amtrak security upgrades.

Directs the Secretary to require rail carriers transporting high hazardous materials to develop high hazard material security threat mitigation plans containing appropriate measures (including alternative routing and temporary shipment suspension options) to address assessed risks to high consequence targets.

Maritime Security Improvement Act of 2006 - Establishes interagency operational centers to provide greater protection against terrorism at high priority ports.

Directs the Secretary to identify foreign assistance programs that could facilitate implementation of port security antiterrorism measures in foreign countries.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 12, 2006:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 430.
- **May 11, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 11, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4473-4474)
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