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S 527

PLEA Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 3, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2040-Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2040-

2041) (Mar 3, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY] | $D \cdot NY$ | | Mar 3, 2005 |
| Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ] | $D\cdotNJ$ | | Mar 3, 2005 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Mar 3, 2005 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Apr 3, 2006 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 4, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 109 HR 1136 | Identical bill | May 10, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

Protect Law Enforcement Armor Act or PLEA Act - Amends the Federal criminal code to expand the definition of "armor piercing ammunition" to include a projectile that: (1) may be used in a handgun; and (2) the Attorney General determines to be capable of penetrating body armor.

Directs the Attorney General to promulgate standards for the uniform testing of projectiles against Body Armor Exemplar (i.e., body armor that the Attorney General determines meets minimum standards for the protection of law enforcement officers), taking into account variations in performance related to the type of handgun used, the length of the barrel, the amount and kind of powder used to propel the projectile, and the projectile's design.

Prohibits the manufacture, sale, possession, or transfer of the Fabrique Nationale Herstall Five-SeveN Pistol, 5.7 x 28mm SS190 and SS192 cartridges, or any other handgun that uses armor piercing ammunition, except: (1) where manufactured and sold exclusively to U.S. military, law enforcement, or intelligence agencies; and (2) by a licensed manufacturer or contractor for the purpose of examining and testing to determine whether such prohibition applies.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 3, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 3, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2040)
- Mar 3, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2040-2041)