

S 1383

Drug Sentencing Reform Act of 2007

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held. (Feb 12, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: AL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 14, 2007
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 14, 2007
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		May 14, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1685	Related bill	Feb 12, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 S 1711	Related bill	Feb 12, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
110 HR 4545	Related bill	Dec 13, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
110 HR 460	Related bill	Jun 6, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1208)
110 HR 79	Related bill	Feb 2, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Drug Sentencing Reform Act of 2007 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to to decrease mandatory minimum sentencing thresholds for powder cocaine and increase such thresholds for crack cocaine.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and amend federal sentencing guidelines to: (1) reflect changes to mandatory minimum sentences made by this Act; (2) provide increased sentences for defendants who use violence or weapons in the course of a drug trafficking offense or who play an active role in the commission of such offenses; and (3) limit sentencing for defendants who play a lesser role in the commission of drug offenses and who receive little or no compensation from their crime.

Requires the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to carry out a pilot program for home detention of nonviolent prisoners age 65 or older.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held.
- **May 14, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 14, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.