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Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act

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Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Aug 6, 2009
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 8, 2009
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 7, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3789	Identical bill	Oct 14, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act - Requires Amtrak, at a station that accepts checked baggage for a specific Amtrak route, to allow a passenger holding a ticket for such route to place an unloaded firearm or starter pistol in a bag that has been checked at the station if: (1) before checking the bag or boarding the train, the passenger declares to Amtrak that an unloaded firearm is in his or her checked bag; (2) the firearm is carried in a locked hard-sided container; and (3) only the passenger has the key or combination to such container.

Allows an Amtrak passenger to place small arms ammunition for personal use in a checked bag on an Amtrak route if the ammunition is securely packed in specified kinds of boxes or other packaging specifically designed to carry such ammunition.

Prohibits the application of such requirements in any fiscal year in which Amtrak does not receive federal assistance.

Actions Timeline

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