

S 1740

Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Oct 1, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

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| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH] | D · OH | | Oct 1, 2009 |
| Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT] | D · CT | | Oct 1, 2009 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Oct 26, 2009 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Nov 6, 2009 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 25, 2010 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Oct 1, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 111 HR 739 | Related bill | Feb 3, 2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H912) |

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2009)

Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act - Sets forth entitlement standards and implementation guidelines for employee use of emergency leave to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (domestic or sexual violence). Permits victims of domestic or sexual violence to substitute existing leave in lieu of emergency leave.

Authorizes state use of funds under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) to provide nonrecurrent short-term emergency benefits for victims of domestic or sexual violence on emergency leave.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit denial of unemployment compensation to individuals separated from employment due to their experience of domestic or sexual violence. Amends the Social Security Act to require training of unemployment compensation and TANF personnel to provide necessary services to victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Victims' Employment Sustainability Act - Prohibits certain discriminatory employer practices against victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Victims of Abuse Insurance Protection Act - Prohibits denial or restriction of insurance coverage (including termination of health insurance coverage) based on the status of the applicant or insured as a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

Actions Timeline

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