

## S 3982

A bill to amend the limitation on liability for certain passenger rail accidents or incidents under section 28103 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Nov 29, 2010

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8246) (Nov 29, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/3982>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                  | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|----------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA] | D · CA        |      | Dec 6, 2010 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Nov 30, 2010 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 111 HR 6150 | Identical bill | <b>Sep 17, 2010:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. |

### Summary (as of Nov 29, 2010)

Increases from \$200 million to \$500 million the aggregate allowable amount that can be awarded (liability cap) for a single passenger rail accident or incident that was proximately caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct of a defendant. (Current law limits to \$200 million the aggregate allowable award to all rail passengers, against all defendants, for all claims, including claims for punitive damages, arising from a single accident or incident.)

Increases from \$200 million to \$500 million per accident or incident the mandatory total minimum insurance or self-insurance liability coverage Amtrak must maintain.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 29, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 29, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8245-8246)
- **Nov 29, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8246)