

S 1451

Billfish Conservation Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 29, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jul 29, 2011
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 29, 2011
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 3, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 24, 2012
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 26, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2706	Identical bill	Oct 5, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-183.
112 S 3424	Related bill	Jul 24, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 3422	Related bill	Jul 23, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Billfish Conservation Act of 2011 - Prohibits any person from offering billfish or billfish products for sale, selling them, or having custody, control, or possession of them for purposes of offering them for sale or selling them.

Treats a violation of this Act as an act prohibited by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Subjects a person to a maximum civil penalty of \$100,000 for each violation, with each day of a continuing violation constituting a separate offense. Exempts the state of Hawaii and the Pacific Insular Area, except that billfish may be sold under such exemption only in Hawaii and the Pacific Insular Area.

Defines "billfish" as any of the following: (1) blue marlin, (2) striped marlin, (3) black marlin, (4) sailfish, (5) shortbill spearfish, (6) white marlin, (7) roundscale spearfish, (8) Mediterranean spearfish, or (9) longbill spearfish. Excludes swordfish from such definition.

Actions Timeline

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