

S 1451

Billfish Conservation Act of 2011

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jul 29, 2011

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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