

## S 1541

A bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Sep 12, 2011

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 112-65.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 112-65. (Dec 13, 2011)

**Law:** 112-65 (Enacted Dec 13, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1541>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Sep 12, 2011
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 5, 2011
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 6, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 6, 2011
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 11, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 11, 2011
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 11, 2011
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Oct 12, 2011
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 12, 2011
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 12, 2011
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Oct 12, 2011
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 12, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 13, 2011
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Oct 13, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2011
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 1, 2011
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Nov 10, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 15, 2011
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Nov 17, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 18, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2815	Identical bill	Dec 5, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 213.

## Summary (as of Dec 13, 2011)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Revises the membership eligibility requirements of the federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

Redefines "mother" to mean a woman who filled the role of birth mother. Adds, in addition to adoptive mother and stepmother (as in the current charter), foster-mother, grandmother, or legal guardian of a person who is serving in the Armed Forces or has served in, or has been honorably discharged from it (as in the current charter).

Repeals the limitation to service in World War II or the Korean hostilities of the Armed Forces service of the eligible mother's son or daughter.

Allows the eligible mother to be a U.S. citizen living outside the United States. (Currently the charter limits membership to eligible mothers living in the United States.)

## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 112-65.
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Mr. Gohmert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8173-8174)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1541.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8173)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8173)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 25, 2011:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 22, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7874)
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- **Nov 18, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7874)
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7874)
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.