

## S 1608

### Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Sep 22, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 22, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1608>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Sep 22, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 386	Related bill	Mar 1, 2011: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011 - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the aiming of the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft or in its flight path. Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to five years.

Exempts from such prohibition: (1) individuals conducting research and development or flight test operations for an aircraft manufacturer or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); (2) Department of Defense (DOD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel conducting research, development, operations, testing or training; or (3) an individual using a laser emergency signaling device to send a distress signal.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 22, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5894-5895)
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.