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Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 7, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2012
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Sep 20, 2012

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3534	Related bill	Sep 12, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 5904	Related bill	Jun 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act - Amends the federal judicial code to include among the exceptions to U.S. jurisdictional immunity of foreign states any statutory or common law tort claim arising out of an act of extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, hostage taking, terrorism, or the provision of material support or resources for such an act, or any claim for contribution or indemnity relating to a claim arising out of such an act.

Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) impose liability on, and grant U.S. district courts personal jurisdiction over, any person who aids, abets, provides material support or resources to, or conspires with a person who commits an act of international terrorism that injures a U.S. national; (2) repeal provisions prohibiting civil actions against foreign states or foreign officials for damages related to acts of terrorism; and (3) extend from 4 to 15 years the limitation period for bringing an action for civil damages resulting from an act of international terrorism and allow previously time-barred cases that would have been timely filed under such extended limitation period to be refiled within 90 days of the enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 20, 2012:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7710-7711)
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.