

## S 3424

Billfish Conservation Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jul 24, 2012

**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 24, 2012)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2706	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2012:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-183.
112 S 3422	Related bill	<b>Jul 23, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 1451	Related bill	<b>Jul 29, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Billfish Conservation Act of 2012- 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 from such prohibition billfish: (1) caught by U.S. vessels and landed in the state of Hawaii or the Pacific Insular Area (PIA), or (2) landed by foreign vessels in the PIA if the foreign caught billfish is exported to markets outside the United States or retained within the PIA for local consumption.

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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