

## S 592

### Maritime Liability Fairness Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Mar 16, 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. (Mar 16, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/592>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 16, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 16, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Maritime Liability Fairness Act - Declares that, in any civil action for damages arising out of a maritime tort case, punitive damages may be assessed without regard to the amount of compensatory damages assessed in the action. (Thus, removes the cap ratio of 1:1 on punitive-to-compensatory damages established in the *Exxon Shipping Co. v Baker* case for the award of punitive damages.)

### Actions Timeline

---

- **Mar 16, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.