

S 1535

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 11, 2014)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 19, 2013
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Oct 2, 2013
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Oct 16, 2013
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2014
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2014
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 10, 2014
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 11, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 15, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3143	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Summary (as of Dec 11, 2014)

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 any person who aids, abets, or conspires with a person who commits an act of international terrorism that is committed, planned, or authorized by a designated foreign terrorist organization and that injures a U.S. national; and (2) repeal provisions prohibiting civil actions against foreign states or foreign officials for damages related to acts of terrorism.

Grants U.S. district courts personal jurisdiction, to the maximum extent permissible under the Fifth Amendment, over any person who commits or aids and abets an act of international terrorism, or who otherwise sponsors such act or the person who committed such an act, that injures a U.S. national.

Makes this Act applicable to any civil action: (1) pending on, or commenced on or after, this Act's enactment date; and (2) arising out of an injury to a person, property, or business on or after September 11, 2001.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6657-6660)
- **Dec 11, 2014:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6657-6658)
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6657-6658)
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 560.
- **Sep 11, 2014:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 19, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.