

S 1775

Victims Protection Act of 2013

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

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| Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE] | R · NE | | Nov 21, 2013 |

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 113 S 1917 | Related bill | Jun 20, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. |
| 113 S 1197 | Related bill | Dec 9, 2013: Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S8548-8552) |

Victims Protection Act of 2013 - Revises or adds provisions concerning sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities within the Department of Defense (DOD), including provisions concerning:

- a prohibition on service within the Armed Forces by individuals convicted of certain sexual offenses;
- the inclusion of information on sexual-related offenses within military service records;
- increased responsibilities within DOD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office;
- review of the adequacy of training for members of the Armed Forces (members) on sexual assault prevention and response;
- programs for the provision of a Special Victims' Counsel for victims of sexual assault;
- commanding officer responsibilities and actions with respect to sexual offenses involving members;
- the investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions after protected communications regarding sexual assault;
- independent panel duties concerning the review and assessment of judicial proceedings of sexual assault cases;
- additional military department actions on sexual assault prevention and response;
- sexual assault prevention and response within the military service academies; and
- collaboration between DOD and the Department of Justice (DOJ) in efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault.

Revises or adds provisions concerning court-martial actions for offenses involving sex-related crimes, including provisions concerning:

- elimination of the five-year statute of limitations on trial by court-martial;
- mandatory discharge or dismissal upon conviction for certain sex-related offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ);
- limitations on the modification of court-martial findings;
- a report on UCMJ modifications to prohibit sexual acts and contacts between military instructors and trainees; and
- the discharge, in lieu of court-martial, of members who commit sex-related offenses.

Outlines provisions concerning other military justice and legal matters, including provisions concerning:

- the prohibition of retaliation against members for reporting a criminal offense;
- the extension of crime victims' rights to victims of offenses under the UCMJ; and
- preliminary hearings on alleged offenses under the UCMJ.

Actions Timeline

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