

S 1831

PACT Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]

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Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2015
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 19, 2015
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 19, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 20, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 20, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Oct 26, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 28, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 3, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 9, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 30, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Dec 7, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 15, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 10, 2016
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 23, 2016
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 10, 2016
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 29, 2016
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 17, 2016
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 28, 2016
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 6, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 10, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2293	Related bill	Jun 1, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Dec 10, 2016)

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act or the PACT Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal criminal code to revise and expand provisions with respect to animal crushing.

It retains existing criminal offenses that prohibit knowingly creating or distributing an animal crush video using interstate commerce. The bill also adds a new provision to criminalize an intentional act of animal crushing. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to seven years, or both.

It provides additional exceptions for conduct, or a video of conduct, including conduct that is: (1) medical or scientific research, (2) necessary to protect the life or property of a person, (3) performed as part of euthanizing an animal, or (4) unintentional.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7104)
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.