

## S 2506

### Restoring Statutory Rights and Interests of the States Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2506>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

#### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 8, 2016
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 9, 2016
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 28, 2016

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 4, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4899	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

### Summary (as of Feb 4, 2016)

#### Restoring Statutory Rights and Interests of the States Act of 2016

This bill amends the Federal Arbitration Act to invalidate arbitration agreements between parties in certain commercial contracts or transactions if they require arbitration of a claim for damages or injunctive relief brought by an individual or small business arising from the alleged violation of a federal or state statute, the U.S. Constitution, or a state constitution, unless the written agreement to arbitrate is entered into by both parties after the claim has arisen and pertains solely to an existing claim.

The grounds upon which a contract with an arbitration agreement is revocable shall include federal or state statutes or court findings that prohibit an agreement to arbitrate if the agreement is unconscionable, invalid because there was no meeting of the minds, or otherwise unenforceable as a matter of contract law or public policy.

A court, rather than an arbitrator, shall determine whether an arbitration agreement is enforceable.

### Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
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